

STATEMENT

OF THE

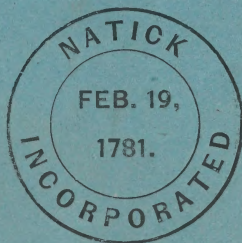
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OF THE

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FOR THE

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882-3.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE L. SLEEPER, Office in Clark's Block.

TREASURER.

EDWARD CLARK, Office in Clark's Block.

SELECTMEN.

D. A. MAHONY, Willow Street.

J. W. VALENTINE, Rockland Street.

AARON WHEELER, South Natick.

ASSESSORS.

R. E. FARWELL, Clark's Block.

REUBEN HUNTING, South Natick.

PATRICK PETTEE, Plain Street.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

ALEXANDER BLANEY, Summer Street.

J. A. BEAN, , South Natick.

J. W. VALENTINE, Rockland Street.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

G. D. TOWER, Rice's Block.

P. H. COONEY, Rice's Block.

MARY C. REYNOLDS, Pond Street.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

C. H. PERRY, Central Street.

E. CLARK, Clark's Block.

J. E. SELFE, South Natick.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

ALBERT MEAD, Woodland Street.

W. W. WIGHT, Bacon Street.

PATRICK BRENNAN, Walnut Street.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

C. W. GLEASON, Central Street.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

GEORGE TOWNSEND, M. D., South Natick.

C. H. COOK, M. D., West Central Street.

J. H. WRIGHT, M. D., Walnut Street.

CONSTABLES.

ROYAL T. BROOKS,

LYMAN A. SPOONER,

A. O. PEARSE,

JOHN KEARNS,

GEORGE H. GAY,

A. W. BROOKINGS,

OSCAR P. BALCOM,

JOSHUA PARMENTER,

MICHAEL SCANNELL,

A. D. GURNEY,

DANIEL HUNTING,

PATRICK FITZGIBBON,

JOHN H. GILSON,

C. H. BEAL,

RICHARD W. KENNEDY,

A. B. PEARCE,

GEORGE H. ROGERS,

C. W. JENNISON,

H. A. PRAY,

J. H. GREEN,

CHARLES G. THAYER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWARD CLARK, *Treasurer.*

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NATICK.

1882.		Dr.
March	1 To balance cash on hand last year.....	\$2,801 92
TO CASH RECEIVED FROM		
	2 Tax deed E. B. Copithorn.....	14 53
	9 Town of Marlboro.....	35 30
	11 J. F. Lagross. Sold from poor farm.....	35 79
	14 Wm. Nutt.....	2 00
	27 County Treasurer, dog tax.....	688 32
April	4 C. W. Gleason, collector.....	3000 00
	4 Elijah Perry, plank sold.....	5 00
	10 C. W. Gleason, collector.....	2000 00
	15 Savings Bank on note.....	7000 00
	17 J. F. Lagross, produce sold poor farm.....	42 00
May	2 C. W. Gleason, collector.....	1500 00
	11 " "	2200 00
	18 John & F. Shaller, license.....	300 00
	Joseph Critcherson, license.....	250 00
	Henry Heinlein, "	300 00
	20 Almond Bailey, "	350 00
	22 H. H. Berry, "	250 00

	31	S. O. Daniels,	"	.....	100 00
June	3	Charles W. Perry	"	.....	100 00
		Alvis Bisch,	"	.....	50 00
	8	Gustavus Smith,	"	.....	100 00
		Wm. Nutt, return witness fees, Leland vs.			
		Town of Natick.....			48 00
	13	C. W. Gleason, collector.....			1000 00
	16	Savings Bank on note.....			5000 00
		Tax deed Theodore Gebele.....			17 00
	18	" J. Manning.....			25 00
	20	Edward Dowd, license.....			250 00
		S. Mulligan,	"	.....	125 00
	21	Peter Hogan,	"	.....	250 00
		W. Richards & Co.	"	.....	100 00
		Thos. F. Flannagan,	"	.....	125 00
		Alvis Bisch,	"	.....	250 00
July	8	Natick National Bank on note.....			5000 00
	10	C. W. Gleason collector.....			500 00
	24	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....			55 00
		Town of Medway, aid rendered.....			13 50
		East Bridgewater	"	.....	28 55
		Town of Mansfield	"	.....	48 00
		Town of Framingham	"	.....	48 68
	24	L. E. Gleason, license.....			250 00
Aug.	1	C. W. Gleason, collector.....			600 00
		Irwin Bros., discount on bed.....			1 50
	9	C. W. Gleason, collector.....			900 00
		A. Blaney, aid rendered at poor farm.....			8 60
	30	Town of Hopkinton, aid rendered.....			78 50
		Town of Swampscott	"	.....	56 00
		Town of North Reading,	"	.....	36 00
Sept.	5	C. W. Gleason, collector.....			5000 00
		C. W. Gleason, for recording deeds.....			15 85
		Daniel A. Mahony, circus license.....			30 00
		H. Wigant, fireworks.....			5 00
		J. F. Lagross, produce sold.....			85 00
	8	City of Boston, aid rendered.....			73 80
		Town of Littleton, aid rendered.....			47 00
	16	Use of steamer at muster.....			45 00
	21	Town of Medford, aid rendered.....			32 50

Oct.	3	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	5000 00
	9	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	1000 00
	12	City of Lowell.....	27 37
	19	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	\$1,000 00
	21	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....	90 00
	28	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	2,000 00
		Tax deed, Daniel Phipps.....	10 17
		“ Wm. Stone.....	46 23
Nov.	8	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	14,000 00
		Sally Cooledge, board S. A. Cooledge.....	52 00
Dec.	5	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	10,000 00
	8	“ “ “	5,475 00
		State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,125 23
		“ National Bank tax.....	1,383 03
		“ State Aid.....	2,647 00
		“ Relief sailors and soldiers	693 00
		“ State, old account.....	239 92
1883.			
Jan.	2	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....	160 00
	8	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	2,500 00
	11	“ “ “	1,000 00
	17	“ “ “	1,000 00
	18	Town of Swampscott, aid rendered.....	54 00
		North Reading, aid rendered.....	52 50
		Town of Medford, “	32 50
	22	East Bridgewater, “	32 25
		J. N. Shattuck, return of premium on policy	19 40
	25	State Treasurer, school fund for 1882.....	261 47
		Town of Littleton, aid rendered.....	44 02
	27	Soldiers' aid received.....	15 00
Feb.	5	Town of Wellesley, tuition of scholars.....	224 00
	6	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	5,000 00
		A. Blaney, balance due on Kehoe estate	
		March 1st, 1882.....	81 16
		Charles Thayer, lock-up fees.....	32 00
		“ street licenses.....	4 40
		“ circus “	5 00
		William Nutt, auctioneer's “	2 00
		J. N. Shattuck, “ “	2 00
		R. E. Farwell, “ “	2 00

	Charles Robinson, " "	2 00
	C. W. Burks, " "	2 00
	J. F. Leach, " "	2 00
	Elijah Perry, " "	2 00
	J. R. Hasson, " "	2 00
	Thos. F. Hammond " "	2 00
	Irwin Bros., " "	2 00
	Fairbanks & Son, fireworks "	5 00
	S. O. Daniels, " "	5 00
	W. B. Fletcher, " "	5 00
	Wm. Blake & Co., bell from fire department	99 55
8	Town of Blackstone, aid rendered.....	132 00
	" Sherborn, " "	44 35
10	A. Blaney, aid rendered.....	10 00
12	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	2,000 00
18	Rent South Natick engine house.....	20 00
	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....	105 00
	City of Somerville, aid rendered.....	105 93
21	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....	25 00
23	Martin Rice, on account land rent.....	400 00
23	W. C. Childs, one year's interest.....	28 35
26	State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	49 16
	State Treasurer, support State paupers....	19 80
	Mrs. A. E. Pratt, land rent.....	200 00
28	E. Clark, hall license.....	22 00
March 1	J. F. Lagross, sold from poor farm.....	43 21
	Daniel A. Mahony, street licenses and shows	6 50
	Overseers of Poor, rent Kehoe estate.....	24 00
	J. W. Valentine, lock-up fees.....	4 50
	" " street licenses.....	1 20
	" " aid rendered.....	2 00
	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	1,600 00
	" " "	1,157 32
	A. Blaney, aid rendered.....	8 06
	" "	7 76
	W. A. Brown, for fire department.....	62 58
	F. E. Cummings, hay scales.....	59 59
	C. W. Gleason, collector.....	1,400 00
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		\$104,252 85

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By paying orders drawn by Selectmen.....	\$103,833 78
By cash on hand.....	419 07
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	\$104,252 85

We have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find it correct.

DANIEL A. MAHONY,
JAMES W. VALENTINE,
AARON WHEELER,

Selectmen of Natick.

NATICK, March 5, 1883.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of the town of Natick, respectfully submit the following report of the expenses of said town for the year ending March 1, 1883.

GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Support and maintenance of schools.....	\$20,000 00
Repairing school houses, school furniture and school repairs.....	1,000 00
Repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks.....	3,000 00
Support of the poor and repairing town buildings.....	5,500 00
To pay interest on town debt.....	18,000 00
Support of Morse Institute, dog money, etc.....	900 00
Collecting and abatement of taxes.....	1,500 00
Paying town clerk.....	50 00
" treasurer	100 00
" the Selectmen.....	300 00
" School Committee.....	450 00
" Overseers of Poor.....	250 00
" rent of town hall.....	1,500 00
Support of Fire Department.....	4,000 00
Paying Board of Health.....	50 00
" the Assessors.....	600 00
" Military aid and poor soldiers, etc.....	1,000 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	200 00

Incidental and necessary expenses	1,900 00
Attorneys fees, etc	1,465 31
Suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors....	450 00
Roads, bridges and sidewalks, additional.....	2,000 00
Fencing Greenwood Cemetery.....	200 00
Building a new schoolhouse.....	3,000 00
Rebuilding and repairing two others.....	200 00
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	\$67,615 31

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

First Nat. Bank, rate $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	\$10,000 00
State Treasurer.....	15,000 00
Franklin Savings Bank, $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	70,000 00
Martha Clark, note.....	2,500 00
Estate of Calvin Morse.....	4,000 00
Natick Five Cent Savings Bank.....	15,000 00
“ “ “	6,000 00
Water Board, sinking fund.....	21,143 18
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	\$143,643 18

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Cash as per Treasurer's report.....	\$ 419 07
W. C. Childs, note.....	405 00
M. Riley, note.....	26 75
Martin Rice, note.....	200 00
Abutters on Western Avenue, reported last two years..	399 52
State aid.....	2,647 00
Military aid.....	774 25
Uncollected taxes.....	19,502 41

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Old School District No. 1, house and land.
 “ “ 2, “

Old School District No. 3, house and land.

"	"	3,	"
"	"	4,	"
"	"	5,	"
"	"	6,	"
"	"	7,	"

School-house and land on Cochituate street.

" " on Pond street.

School Furniture.

Engine House and Lock-up, South Natick.

Lease of land where same are situate.

Mazeppa Engine House and land, Felchville.

Brick Engine House and land, Summer street.

Two steam fire engines, hose carriages and hose.

Two hand hose carriages and hose.

Hooks and ladders with carriages.

Six harnesses.

Three horses.

Two carts.

Poor Farm, with stock and furniture belonging to same

Water Works and Reservoirs.

Brigham lot on East Central street.

Prescott lot in West Part.

Morse lot on Nebraska Plains.

Set of Hay Scales.

Highway tools.

One Safe, Standard Weights and Measures.

Hearse.

Common.

Old High School-house lot.

Land on East Central street, near Common.

Dell Park and four other Cemeteries.

Massachusetts Supreme Court Reports and other books.

Spaulding Fund, \$782.25.

Furniture for Selectmen.

" " School Committee.

" " Assessors.

Morse Institute.

New High School-house and land.

New School-house and land on South Main street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ORDER.

680	S. K. Eaton, repairs.....	\$16 30
683	E. M. Phipps, repairs.....	7 95
684	Bailey's Express Co.....	47 00
685	Eagle Steamer No. 2.....	118 75
686	M. V. B. Bartlett Steamer No. 2.....	5 92
289	Rescue Hose Co.....	78 75
291	U. H. & L. Co... ..	128 75
292	J. W. Morse, sundry bills.....	14 74
293	Shaw Relief Valve Co.....	135 00
294	Charles E. Berry, swing harness.....	107 05
296	Bangor Extension Ladder Co.....	180 00
297	Charles Stevens, painting.....	50 00
298	Steamer No. 1.....	110 00
316	Steamer No. 2.....	118 75
325	French & Dakin.....	32 43
339	Eureka Hose Co.....	78 75
358	D. E. Wheeler.....	2 00
377	F. Deihl & Son.....	21 00
379	W. A. Bird.....	94 00
382	J. W. Morse, water.....	24 00
384	J. W. Morse, sundry bills.....	26 89
469	Steamer No. 2.....	118 75
475	E. Clark, gas.....	11 12
476	Eureka Hose Co.....	78 75
477	Rescue Hose Co.....	52 64
485	Steamer No. 1.....	107 92
508	U. H. & L. Co.....	128 75
516	C. & J. Underwood.....	16 37
524	Aaron Wheeler.....	14 55
557	W. W. Curtis, services.....	20 25
581	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	12 23
606	J. W. Morse, sundries.....	38 32
664	Union H. & L. Co.....	128 75
665	Rescue Hose Co.....	78 75
666	Eagle Steamer Co. No. 1.....	105 83
678	Eureka Hose Co.....	78 75
71	Eagle Steamer No. 1.....	110 00

ORDER.

77	R. Hunting, services as engineer.....	75 00
79	D. B. Ryder, printing.....	1 50
81	L. P. Stone, fireman Eagle Steamer.....	10 00
82	W. A. Bird, coal.....	48 39
87	Union Hook & Ladder Co.....	128 75
90	H. L. Wells, printing.....	1 00
100	Rescue Hose Co. No. 4.....	78 75
104	D. E. Wheeler, services as engineer.....	100 00
107	American Fire Hose Co.	733 75
112	Steamer No. 2.....	118 75
114	Eureka Hose Co.....	78 75
130	Joel Allen, repairs.....	28 99
141	C. W. Burks, mattresses.....	7 50
145	Union Lumber Co.....	143 45
146	Sweetland & Harris, labor.....	45 75
157	J. W. Morse, sundry bills paid.....	64 44
158	Charles Houghton, labor.....	61 25
165	E. Clark, gas.....	22 80
177	J. W. Morse, bills paid.....	213 67
217	C. E. Hamilton, repairs.....	3 35
237	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	43 12
259	J. W. Morse, services as engineer.....	150 00
263	P. F. Woodbury, supplies.....	19 75
282	Natick Gas Co.....	15 39
284	Bishop Brothers.....	10 00
285	Howe & Co., expressing.....	3 50
287	Inman & Brothers.....	7 90
735	E. Clark, supplies.....	28 30
737	Union Lumber Co.....	8 34
739	Union Lumber Co.....	1 12
762	Natick Water Board, water.....	24 00
785	C. H. Felch, supplies.....	6 08
786	Robinson & Jones, coal.....	8 00

Total..... \$4,791 10

HIGHWAYS.

ORDER.

1	William Simmons, repairs.....	\$12 00
17	Charles Fair, labor.....	11 00
19	Joel Allen, repairs.....	27 50
30	Patrick Brennan, labor.....	27 55
35	Henry Ritter, driver.....	50 00
48	George H. Gay, labor.....	1 48
57	E. R. Paul, hay.....	42 48
59	D. R. Mills, labor.....	29 36
70	C. E. Hamilton, repairs.....	1 75
101	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	14 75
159	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	3 00
227	Charles W. Sanderson, hay.....	44 62
233	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	7 20
241	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	2 29
288	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	29 60
306	W. L. Coolidge, hay.....	27 21
562	F. Stone, carrots for horses.....	11 90
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		\$343 69
795	E. Clark, paying orders.....	4,733 39
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Total.....		\$5,077 08

INTEREST.

24	Worcester County Int. for Savings.....	\$375 00
25	Franklin Savings Bank.....	1,925 00
163	E. Clark, int. on note.....	75 00
167	Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	525 00
168	E. Clark.....	150 00
174	National Bank of Boston.....	275 00
175	Thomas E. Procter, int. on notes.....	250 00
178	George A. Meyer.....	125 00
187	E. Clark, int, on bonds.....	5,250 00
445	Worcester County Int. for Savings.....	375 00
446	Franklin Savings Bank.....	1,925 00
625	E. Clark, interest on water bonds.....	5,065 00

ORDER.

626	George A. Meyer, interest on note.....	125 00
627	E. Clark, interest on note.....	420 00
628	First National Bank, Boston, interest.....	275 00
630	Thomas E. Proctor, interest on note.....	250 00
632	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, int. on note...	525 00
634	E. Clark, interest.....	75 00
635	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank. interest.....	150 00
636	E. Clark, interest.....	12 89
637	“ “	185 11
638	“ “	83 33
639	“ “	116 67
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		\$18,533 00
742	E. Clark, interest on sinking fund.....	1,057 16
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		\$19,590 16
797	E. Clark, interest on water bonds.....	600 00
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		\$20,190 16

BORROWED MONEY.

ORDER.

637	E. Clark, town note.....	7,000 00
638	“ “	5,000 00
639	“ “	5,000 00
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		\$17,000 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

ORDER.

78	A. O. Pearse, special police.....	\$34 00
116	C. Q. Tirrell, legal advice.....	10 00
169	A. O. Pearse, special police.....	62 00
249	“ “ “	60 00
301	“ “ “	62 00
374	“ “ “	60 00
427	“ “ “	60 00

ORDER.

451	C. W. Bacon, legal services.....	\$10 00
486	A. O. Pearse, special police.....	62 00
521	“ “ “	60 00
592	“ “ “	62 00
599	William Nutt, legal services.....	15 00
593	Howe & Co., expressing samples of beer.....	1 03
646	A. O. Pearse.....	62 00
641	D. A. Mahony, bill of Judge Hoar.....	125 00

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ORDER.

5	W. W. Wight, survey of streets.....	22 50
38	J. H. Wright, M. D., ex. insane.....	4 40
54	J. F. Mahony	2 60
62	M. W. Heyward, teams	1 50
63	Hugh Belger, burial of pig.....	2 00
76	C. G. Thayer, care of lock-up.....	3 50
98	J. B. Fairbanks & Son, town warrant.....	22 00
105	J. H. Parker, supper for counters.....	8 00
110	W. N. Mason, costs in cases of More.....	111 94
111	J. H. Gilson	2 00
113	J. B. Fairbanks & Son, stationery.....	8 10
122	S. O. Daniels, printing town reports.....	339 02
126	Mrs. Bean, cleaning office.....	2 00
131	E. Whitney, for drain pipe	92 24
142	C. W. Burks, returning deaths.....	6 00
160	Gas Company, Selectmen's room, station house, high school and streets.....	20 50
162	Fairbanks & Son, assessors' blanks.....	4 90
172	Fairbanks & Son, stationery.....	3 45
176	W. B. Fletcher, stationery.....	1 75
179	C. G. Thayer, care of lock-up.....	8 50
183	E. H. Walcott, printing town warrant.....	19 00
184	E. H. Walcott, printing license blank and posters,	3 00
186	E. H. Walcott, printing assessors' notice.....	7 00
192	E. H. Walcott, printing Board of Health regula- tions.....	8 00

ORDER.

212	W. W. Wight, survey brook and labor, laying pipe in Whitney field.....	\$27 35
221	J. F. Mahony, posting bills....	1 00
228	C. G. Thayer, care of lock-up.....	6 75
238	W. D. Parlin, repairs for lock-up.....	1 05
239	W. D. Parlin, repairs.....	8 74
242	W. D. Parlin, repairs.....	1 54
250	Nathan Rice, census of school children.....	14 40
253	J. B. Fairbanks, stationery.....	13 45
279	Charles Thayer, care of lockup.....	7 50
300	Alex. Blaney, insurance.....	15 00
307	Fairbanks & Son, supplies for assessors.....	26 40
309	Charles B. Stevens, recording deeds.....	15 85
310	Bulletin Job Print, Board of Health.....	5 00
313	John Rockwood, writing diplomas....,	5 00
228	French & Dakin, repairing pump.....	4 60
340	O. H. Burleigh, insurance.....	15 00
343	Morace Mann, arranging town files.....	12 15
344	C. G. Thayer, care lock-up.....	8 50
347	W. W. Wight, cleaning ditch, B. of Health.....	11 50
348	Thomas Bruce, repairing fence, Central street....	5 50
351	D. A. Mahony, postage and supplies.....	5 00
371	M. V. B. Bartlett, supplies for lock-up.....	4 64
380	J. W. Morse, putting in fountain.....	30 72
381	J. W. Morse, water for station house.....	3 00
388	C. W. Burks, returning deaths.....	6 75
389	J. H. Gilson, posting warrant.....	2 00
396	J. H. Wright, examining insane.....	2 20
404	Sweetland & Harris, bookcase for assessors.....	8 00
417	Asa Allen, release of deed, Crowley estate.....	17 69
419	C. G. Thayer, care lock-up.....	6 50
431	William Nutt, copy Public Statutes.....	3 00
448	J. F. Mahoney, care Selectmen's room.....	2 60
451	C. W. Bacon, legal advice.....	3 00
452	Irwin Bros., bookcase for law books.....	43 30
461	R. E. Farwell, postage paid.....	5 00
462	R. E. Farwell, office rent.....	75 00
463	O. H. Burleigh, insurance.....	20 00
466	G. A. Ambler, ballot boxes.....	2 54

ORDER.

497	Martin Ford, cleaning ditch.....	\$ 4 65
498	J. H. Gilson, posting warrant.....	4 00
525	Aaron Wheeler, painting lamp post.....	1 00
531	E. Hayes, posting bills.....	1 00
540	George C. Fairbanks, printing for Assessors....	4 25
541	“ “ “ warrants.....	11 00
546	W. W. Wight, surveying for Assessors.....	9 50
558	O. H. Burleigh, insurance.....	18 00
559	“ “	40 00
437	E. Clark, gas station, High school, Selectmen...	15 39
491	C. G. Thayer, care of body unknown man.....	4 00
492	“ “ care lockup.....	7 75
494	A. B. Pierce, posting warrant.....	2 00
120	C. H. Cook, expense of insane	8 80
561	W. B. Fletcher, stationary.....	2 90
573	J. M. Forbush, insurance.....	22 50
575	John Everett, returning deaths.....	17 25
583	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	49
589	Charles Thayer, care of lockup.....	7 75
595	J. D. Macewen, repairs of lockup.....	1 50
602	C. W. Burks, returning deaths.....	13 00
616	S. O. Daniels, supplies.....	2 75
617	C. Q. Terrill, legal advice.....	3 00
620	Asher Parlin, sign boards.....	164 25
623	James Adams, returning deaths.....	6 00
624	J. N. Shattuck, insurance.....	60 00
642	George L. Sleeper, recording births, deaths and marriages	138 95
644	Charles Thayer, care lockup.....	7 75
672	A. Blaney, insurance.....	60 00
675	Henry F. Jenks, fountain.....	150 00
676	R. T. Brooks.....	1 00
679	J. R. Hasson, serving notices B. of H.....	85
687	E. H. Walcott, printing.....	8 00
688	“ “	9 75
689	Natick Gas Light Company.....	12 83
698	J. W. Valentine, use of team and cash paid out...	78 25
707	M. Van Dusen, Boston, insurance on Centre schoolhouse	40 00

ORDER.

713	D. A. Mahoney, extra work, paying State and Military aid.....	\$25 00
717	O. H. Burleigh, insurance Centre school	19 00
520	C. G. Thayer, care of lockup.....	7 50
719	Aaron Wheeler, teams.....	32 50
799	E. Clark, stamps, etc.....	4 71
722	Bulletin Job Print.....	12 50
723	Bulletin Job Print.....	1 50
724	M. Atwood, repairs.....	3 61
725	William Nutt, serving notices Board of Health...	5 97
726	O. A. Felch, sheep killed by dog.....	5 00
727	J. B. Fairbanks & Son, Natick Directory.....	1 50
731	George L. Sleeper, expressing bundles.....	3 40
732	C. Q. Tirrell, advice to Board of Health.....	5 00
734	Gaslight Co., gas for departments.....	33 64
736	E. Clark, supplies to lock-up.....	2 75
744	N. Clark, rent of Town hall.....	1,500 00
746	D. A. Mahony, cash paid out.....	7 05
747	C. G. Thayer, care lock-up.....	7 00
751	E. H. Walcott, printing.....	39 37
759	E. H. Walcott, printing.....	11 50
763	J. W. Morse, water for station house.....	3 00
764	J. F. Mahony, care Selectmen's room.....	2 70
770	M. V. B. Bartlett, supplies to lock-up.....	5 78
778	A. Blaney, cash paid out.....	12 94
784	P. F. Woodbury & Co., supplies to lock-up.....	8 00
793	Bertha Valentine, footing accounts.....	10 00
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		\$3,862 15

MORSE INSTITUTE.

36	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	\$50 00
80	Calvin Leland, services.....	200 00
94	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
95	Daniel Wight, services.....	105 00
96	Lucy E. Wight, services.....	15 60
33	Calvin Leland, services.....	100 00

ORDER,

151	Robinson & Jones, fuel.....	\$ 15 38
156	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
161	E. Clark, gas.....	49 88
180	Fairbanks & Son, papers and magazines.....	125 35
226	Calvin Leland, services.....	25 00
231	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
295	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	50 00
311	Fairbanks & Son, Chicago <i>Tribune</i>	11 50
314	Daniel Wight, services.....	105 00
321	Robinson & Jones, coal.....	162 83
359	Calvin Leland, services.....	50 00
423	Calvin Leland, services.....	25 00
430	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
436	E. Clark, gas.....	38 19
439	J. W. Morse, water.....	7 17
478	Daniel Wight, services.....	105 00
479	Lucy E. Wight, services.....	13 80
483	George J. Townsend.....	4 00
493	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
554	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
574	Calvin Leland, services.....	75 00
590	Carrie L. Morse, services.....	25 00
651	Daniel Wight, services.....	155 00
652	L. E. Wight, services.....	12 90
662	Calvin Leland, services.....	25 00
681	Carrie L. Morse.....	25 00
733	E. Clark, gas.....	88 07
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		\$1,814 67

POOR SOLDIERS.

11	Mary Slamin, care Doyle children.....	\$9 00
18	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	8 00
32	Barry & Burns, supplies.....	2 25
43	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	5 88
52	E. McManus, rent.....	5 00
60	Ellen Parmenter, supplies.....	5 00

ORDER.

61	E. McManus, rent.....	\$5 00
83	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	4 50
85	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	18 00
118	Patrick Ryan, care Graney girl.....	26 00
121	Order G. A. R.....	10 00
132	E. McManus, rent.....	6 00
135	John Dolan, rent.....	15 00
143	C. W. Burks, funeral expenses.....	30 00
154	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	13 00
170	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	7 25
181	Loker Bros., supplies.....	3 00
182	G. L. Bartlett, supplies.....	3 25
203	G. A. R. order.....	5 00
204	G. A. R. order.....	5 00
206	G. A. R. order.....	5 00
210	John Dolan, rent.....	6 00
236	E. Clark, supplies.....	7 00
244	N. P. U. store.....	28 00
258	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	8 00
261	P. F. Woodbury, supplies.....	5 00
271	Order G. A. R.....	10 00
322	John Dolan, rent.....	6 00
330	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	35 00
346	Order G. A. R.....	5 00
373	Thomas Slammin, goods for Doyle children.....	9 00
366	John Dolan, rent.....	6 00
386	Charles Hildreth.....	3 00
387	C. W. Burks, burial expenses.....	30 00
395	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	14 00
405	Order G. A. R.....	5 00
418	P. Ryan, care Graney girl.....	26 00
424	John Dolan, rent for Mrs. Doyle.....	6 00
460	Order of G. A. R.....	5 00
464	Order of G. A. R.....	7 00
465	Order of G. A. R.....	5 00
474	John Dolan, rent for Mrs. Doyle.....	6 00
505	C. W. Burks, burial expenses.....	15 00
506	C. W. Burks, burial expenses.....	24 00
512	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	33 00

ORDER.

526	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	\$17 00
549	C. W. Ford, supplies.....	8 00
551	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	12 12
556	Loker Bros., supplies.....	3 00
567	John Dolan, rent.....	12 00
576	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	18 00
607	Robinson & Jones, supplies.....	21 68
653	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	23 00
658	City of Boston, aid to poor soldiers.....	12 00
704	John Dolan, rent.....	6 00
710	Loker Bros., supplies.....	11 00
716	Robinson & Jones, fuel.....	17 08
202	City of Cambridge, aid to Thorpe.....	46 00
523	L. F. Fuller, aid to Ellen Parmenter.....	18 00
772	Order G. A. R.....	5 00
775	John Dolan, rent for Mrs. Doyle.....	6 00
782	W. A. Bird, supplies.....	20 65
788	Robinson & Jones, supplies.....	4 13
721	Order G. A. R.....	10 00
749	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	17 00
Total.....		<hr/> \$782 92

DECORATING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

123	Post 63, G. A. R.....	200 00
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LICENSE ACCOUNT.

272	Alvis Bisch, money refunded.....	\$250 00
273	Peter Hogan, money refunded.....	250 00
274	Simon Mulligan, money refunded.....	125 00
631	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 25 per cent. license money.....	<hr/> 631 25
		<hr/> \$1,256 25

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

ORDER.

741	E. Clark, for cash to pay Military aid.....	\$1,548 00
	“ “ “ State aid.....	2,647 50
		<hr/> \$4,195 50

OFFICERS.

106	D. A. Mahoney, Board of Health.....	\$2 00
120	C. H. Cook, visit South Natick B. of H.....	1 50
205	Reuben Hunting, services as Assessor.....	100 00
251	J. W. Valentine, services as Selectman.....	25 00
277	Patrick Pettee, services as Assessor.....	212 50
323	R. E. Farwell, services as Assessor.....	225 00
350	D. A. Mahoney, services as Selectman.....	50 00
376	Reuben Hunting, services as Assessor.....	110 00
450	J. W. Valentine, services as Selectman.....	25 00
461	R. E. Farwell, services as Assessor.....	75 00
480	D. A. Mahoney, services as Selectman.....	25 00
481	J. W. Valentine, services as Selectman.....	25 00
613	J. W. Valentine, services as Selectman	25 00
614	D. A. Mahoney, services as Selectman.....	25 00
670	A. Blaney, services as Overseer.....	100 00
690	J. A. Bean, services as Overseer.....	75 00
699	J. W. Valentine, services as Overseer.....	75 00
718	Aaron Wheeler, services as Selectman.....	100 00
730	George L. Sleeper, services as Town Clerk.....	50 00
743	E. Clark, services as Treasurer.....	100 00
781	J. H. Wright, services on Board of Health.....	16 00
701	R. Hunting, services as Assessor.....	62 50
792	P. Pettee, services as Assessor.....	62 50
796	C. H. Cook, services on Board of Health.....	16 67
	Total.....	<hr/> \$1,583 67

POLICE.

ORDER.

6	Henry Ramsdell, police duty.....	\$3 00
7	P. Fitzgibbons, ".....	4 00
22	C. H. Moore, ".....	7 00
34	C. W. Jennison, services.....	5 00
46	A. O. Pearse, ".....	52 00
49	R. W. Kennedy, ".....	52 00
51	J. K. Gilson, ".....	52 00
56	A. D. Gurney, ".....	10 00
109	P. Fitzgibbons, ".....	8 00
128	P. Fitzgibbons, ".....	12 50
152	J. R. Hasson, ".....	2 50
201	George F. Rogers, ".....	5 00
218	R. W. Kennedy, ".....	2 00
260	J. H. Green, ".....	2 00
265	C. F. Wisner, ".....	24 00
266	Thomas J. Sheehan, ".....	63 50
270	A. D. Gurney, ".....	5 00
280	Charles Thayer, ".....	5 00
290	J. R. Hasson, ".....	5 10
332	C. F. Wisner, ".....	16 00
333	Thomas J. Sheehan, ".....	47 50
334	Daniel Hunting, ".....	3 00
338	P. Fitzgibbons, ".....	23 00
341	J. H. Green, ".....	6 00
342	A. W. Brookings, ".....	3 00
401	J. H. Green, ".....	2 00
402	Thomas J. Sheehan, ".....	47 00
410	Thomas J. Sheehan, ".....	45 00
412	C. F. Wisner, ".....	18 00
425	J. W. Hall, ".....	4 00
454	A. D. Gurney, ".....	16 75
482	C. F. Wisner, ".....	10 00
499	J. H. Gilson, ".....	2 00
500	J. H. Green, ".....	7 00
501	Thomas J. Sheehan, ".....	46 50
509	P. Fitzgibbons, ".....	24 00
510	A. D. Gurney, ".....	12 00

ORDER.

511	C. W. Jennison,	"	.....	\$2 00
517	P. Fitzgibbons,	"	.....	6 50
518	C. G. Thayer,	"	.....	3 75
535	Thomas J. Sheehan,	"	.....	47 50
547	H. A. Pray,	"	.....	6 00
560	C. F. Wisner,	"	.....	6 00
591	Thomas J. Sheehan,	"	.....	46 50
618	A. D. Gurney,	"	.....	14 00
667	George W. Kimball,	"	.....	2 50
669	Thomas J. Sheehan,	"	46 50
712	P. Fitzgibbons,	"	17 00
769	Thomas J. Sheehan,	"	42 00
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				\$892 60

POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

2	E. G. Whittemore, cow for farm.....	\$30 00
3	N. E. Daniels, moving Mrs. Law.....	1 00
20	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	50 06
37	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	19 50
39	Dr. J. H. Wright, attendance on poor.....	3 00
41	Anson Pitcher, clothing.....	1 60
84	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	66 99
91	J. F. LaGross, services as warden.....	25 00
102	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	16 32
155	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	64 22
213	W. W. Wight, Buckeye mowing machine.....	65 00
222	W. M. Drummond, painting.....	110 60
229	Joel Allen, repairs.....	5 87
240	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	129 23
245	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	55 70
254	S. O. Daniels, medicine.....	18 70
275	John Engel, barrel soap.....	3 75
305	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	47 27
312	W. A. Bird, coal.....	56 00
319	Irwin Bros., patent bed for the sick.....	33 25
327	French & Dakin, repairs and supplies.....	7 00

ORDER.

329	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	\$54 73
349	O. Woods & Co., lumber.....	73 71
354	J. F. LaGross, services as warden.....	75 00
357	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	29 39
361	Barry & Burns, supplies.....	3 00
393	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	28 30
398	Robinson & Jones, coal.....	24 00
400	John Cleland, supplies.....	15 55
413	Joel Allen, repairs.....	7 75
422	A. W. Palmer, supplies.....	2 85
513	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	69 16
516	C. & J. Underwood, whitewashing.....	10 0
527	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	42 79
537	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	68 05
568	J. F. LaGross, services as warden.....	100 00
569	Joel Allen, repairs.....	4 85
571	D. E. Wheeler, grain.....	14 90
578	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	34 24
580	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	3 59
616	S. O. Daniels, medicine.....	6 45
649	N. P. U. store, supplies to almshouse.....	42 23
661	C. H. Cook, assisting Dr. Wright in case of Low- ery.....	3 00
697	D. E. Wheeler, supplies to almshouse.....	9 00
738	Union Lumber Co., supplies.....	2 93
748	N. P. U. store, supplies.....	29 46
752	J. F. LaGross, services as warden.....	241 66
760	D. E. Wheeler, supplies.....	7 48
766	S. O. Daniels, supplies.....	2 20
767	John Cleland, supplies.....	16 06
794	E. Clark, supplies.....	128 24
Total.....		\$1,960 63

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

4	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, care Donovan.....	\$41 79
8	City of Lowell, care E. Witherell.....	12 00
9	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care insane poor....	295 51

ORDER.

10	Elliot Walker, rent Heinlein and Sheehan.....	\$ 8 50
12	James Dowd, care Costello boy.....	6 00
13	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	10 00
14	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, King and Brace- land.....	30 00
15	A. Bigelow, rent Mary Welch.....	10 00
16	F. J. McCullagh, rent M. Welch.....	6 00
21	N. P. U. store, supplies to poor.....	113 00
23	Adam Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 00
26	Seavey Pray, care Walker boy.....	5 00
27	P. Whalan, rent Devoy.....	10 00
28	W. H. Kimball, rent Mrs. Loker.....	8 00
29	W. McCracken, rent Mrs. Blake.....	18 00
31	Adam Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 84
33	Mrs. Loring, rent Greely.....	10 00
39	J. H. Wright, medical attendance, Welch.....	2 00
42	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00
44	Warren Bird, coal to Braceland, Bean, Gray, Hunter, Grooms, Magrath, Mahoney, King, Bradley, O'Brien, J. M. Pierce, Sullivan and Meehan.....	48 49
45	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull and Gibbons.....	13 00
47	A. F. Travis, rent to Sweeney.....	6 00
50	M. E. Hoey, rent to Warner.....	6 00
53	Mrs. C. Soley, rent to Connell.....	20 00
55	Mrs. Hunter, care Bailey child.....	8 00
58	M. C. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	6 00
61	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00
64	Seaver Pray, care Walker boy.....	5 00
65	E. Walker, rent Heinlein and Sheehan.....	8 50
66	J. E. Sweetland, rent King, Bacher and Brace- land.....	15 00
67	W. H. Kimball, rent Mrs. Loker.....	4 00
68	P. Whalen, rent Devoy.....	5 00
69	John Everett, burial of Cowhey.....	18 00
72	F. Deihl & Son, fuel to Buckley and Welch.....	16 00
73	Dr. Thomas J. Lawler, medical care J. Manning.	1 50
74	Mrs. S. C. Loring, rent to Greely.....	5 00
75	James Dowd, care Costello boy.....	3 00

ORDER.

83	W. A. Bird, fuel to Bean and Bradley.....	\$ 4 50
86	N. P. U. store, supplies to Bacher, Knowlton, O'Brien, Curley, J. M. Pierce, Bradley, Fay, Davis, Meehan, McGrath, Kennedy, Bean, Cooley, Beandry.....	93 50
88	A. F. Travis, rent to Sweeney.....	6 00
89	Adams, care Underwood.....	8 57
92	C. E. Walker, medical care Knowlton.....	13 50
93	Mrs. E. Hanchett, rent Bean.....	30 00
99	C. W. Ford, supplies to Hull.....	10 00
103	J. W. Valentine, cash paid out.....	2 75
108	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	8 00
115	Patrick Beatty, rent to Meehan.....	12 00
117	John Shattuck, rent to Tiffany.....	12 00
119	Mrs. Hunter, care Bailey child.....	7 60
124	W. H. Kimball, rent to Loker.....	4 00
125	O. H. Watson, goods to Bradley.....	6 25
129	James Adams, burial Kearns child.....	5 00
132	E. McManus, rent to McGlone	5 00
134	Seavy Pray, care Walker boy.....	6 25
136	F. Diehl & Son, fuel to Welch.....	3 00
137	E. Walker, rent to Sheehan and Heinlein.....	8 50
138	A. Bigelow, rent to Welch.....	5 00
139	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	10 00
140	Robinson & Jones, fuel to Bradley, Bacher, War- ner, Mahoney, Knowlton, Hatch, Morse, Blake, Frost, M. O'Brien, J. M. Pierce, Grooms, Bean, Fay, Jackson.....	86 76
144	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, King and Brace- land.....	15 00
147	P. Beatty, rent to Meehan.....	6 00
148	A. Bigelow, rent to Welch.....	5 00
149	Mrs. Loring, rent to Greely.....	5 00
150	M. E. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	8 00
153	N. P. U. store, supplies to Bean, Meehan, Knowl- ton, O'Brien, Bacher, Morse, Beandry, Curley, Bradley, Fay, Malloy.....	98 00 .
164	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull and Cowhey.....	14 00
170	W. A. Bird, fuel to Meehan and King.....	6 63

ORDER.

171	George H. Barker, rent to Mrs. Howe.....	\$22 00
173	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 85
181	Loker Bros., goods to Sawin, Meehan, O'Brien, Hunter, Turner, Bradley, Bean, Cowhey, Fay.	52 29
185	Mrs. Hunter, care Bailey child.....	4 00
188	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, care Donovan.....	19 64
207	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	10 00
208	A. Bigelow, rent to Welch.....	5 00
209	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Sheehan and Brady...	12 50
211	F. Diehl & Son, fuel to Buckley and Welch.....	5 75
214	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 56
215	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, King, Braceland..	15 00
216	F. E. Cummings, milk for Bailey child.....	2 82
219	Seaver Pray, care Walker child.....	5 00
220	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00
223	J. H. Wright, care McKenzie.....	15 00
224	J. H. Wright, town physician.....	25 00
225	J. H. Wright, care G. C. Munroe.....	30 00
230	Mrs. Loring, rent to Greely.....	5 00
232	A. F. Travis, rent to Sweney.....	12 00
234	T. Coolidge & Son, rent to Bradley.....	20 00
235	W. L. Coolidge, rent to Nichols.....	24 00
236	E. Clarke, goods to Blake, Morse, Welsh, Buckly, King, Wignot, Mahoney, McGrath, Cowhey, Ferneaux, Kennedy.....	105 00
246	N. P. U. Store, goods to Kennedy, Barker, O'Brien, Curley, Meehan, Tiffany, Knowlton, Bean, Fay, Jenkinson, Braceland, Whitcomb.	75 00
247	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull and Ferneaux.....	16 00
248	C. W. Perry, medicine to Mr. Mahoney.....	65
252	Loker Bros., goods to Bradley, O'Brien, Cooley, Jenkinson, Sawin.....	32 00
254	S. O. Daniels, medicine to Manning, Healey, Welch, Bailly, Morse, Meehan, O'Brien, Back- er, Tiffany.....	46 45
255	M. C. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	8 00
256	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care Tobin, Albert Smith, Welch, Cooledge, Lavander Smith, O'Brien, Everett, Beecher, Garfield, Sullivan.	374 30

ORDER.

257	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, care D. Donovan...	\$45 30
258	W. A. Bird, coal to Meehan.....	4 25
264	Patrick Beatty, rent to Meehan.....	6 00
267	City of Somerville, care Hannah Ginty.....	29 80
268	City of Lowell, care Ella Witherell.....	12 00
269	Charles H. Cook, ex. Sullivan and Pinkham.....	4 60
276	Adams Hardy, care of Underwood.....	8 85
278	Charles Thayer, care Fred Wilson.....	2 85
281	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Sheehan and Brady...	12 50
283	Anson Pitcher, clothing to O'Brien children.....	15 75
286	J. E. Sweetland, rent King, Bacher, Braceland...	15 00
299	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, care George A. Davis, State Primary School at Monson.....	13 00
302	F. J. McCullagh, rent for M. Welch.....	4 00
303	Barry & Burns, goods to O'Brien children.....	3 75
304	Mrs. Loring, rent to Greeley.....	5 00
308	Ann McKenny, care of Allen child.....	8 00
315	A. Bigelow, rent for Welch.....	5 00
317	J. A. Bean, care Blake child.....	8 00
318	Elliot Perry, goods to Welch.....	9 00
320	George H. Barker, rent to Mrs. Howe.....	8 00
324	G. C. Smith, M. D., care Mrs. O'Brien.....	3 75
326	Patrick Beatty, rent to Meehan.....	6 00
331	N. P. U. store, goods to Meehan, Bacher, Knowl- ton, Curley, O'Brien, Fay, Jenkinson, Tiffany.	68 50
335	M. C. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	8 00
337	William Richards & Co., medicine to Hatch, Pierce, O'Brien, Meehan, Hunter.....	6 05
345	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 85
352	A. Bigelow, rent to Welch.....	5 00
353	Susan Hanchett, care Blake child.....	12 00
355	Seayer Pray, care Walker boy.....	11 25
356	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, Braceland and King.....	15 00
360	W. H. Kimball, rent to Mrs. Loker.....	12 00
362	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	10 00
363	John Everett, funeral O'Brien child.....	9 00
364	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Brady, Sheehan.....	12 50
365	F. Deihl & Son, wood to Mrs. Ulrich.....	3 00

ORDER.

367	Mrs. Loring, rent to Greely.....	\$ 5 00
368	William McCullagh, rent to Welch.....	2 00
369	F. E. Danforth, rent to O'Brien.....	18 00
370	Mary C. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	16 00
372	M. V. B. Bartlett, goods to M. Welch.....	12 00
375	Thomas Donnellon, goods to Naphin.....	24 00
378	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull and Ferneaux.....	29 00
390	E. McManus, rent to McGlone.....	10 00
391	Mary C. Reynolds, care Ferneaux child.....	6 00
392	Mary Whipple, nursing Ferneaux child.....	4 00
394	N. P. U. store, goods to Curley, Knowlton, Bacher, Meehan, Fay, Moulton, Warner.....	62 00
397	J. H. Wright, medical attendance on poor.....	16 66
399	Loker Bros., goods to Bradley, Jenkinson, Fay, Sawin	45 00
403	Mrs. Jaegar, care O'Brien family.....	19 26
406	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 56
407	A. Bigelow, rent to Welch.....	5 00
409	E. Walker, rent Sheehan and Brady.....	12 50
411	Ann McHenry, care Allen child.....	8 00
414	F. J. McCullagh, rent to Welch.....	2 00
415	Seaver Pray, care Walker boy.....	5 00
416	A. F. Travis, rent to Sweeney.....	12 00
420	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, King, Braceland..	15 00
421	Town of Boylston, care Calvin Pratt.....	41 39
426	Mrs. Loring, rent to Greely.....	5 00
428	Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	44 28
429	Town of Marlboro, care Noonan family.....	59 00
432	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care Tobin, Smith, Welch, Coolidge, Everett, Bacher.....	370 04
433	Danvers Lunatic Hospital, care D. Donovan...	46 61
434	James Adams, funeral expenses of Alice Nichols.	16 50
435	John Everett, funeral expenses of J. Welch.....	28 00
440	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull.....	10 00
441	C. P. Soley, rent to Connell.....	30 00
442	C. W. Perry, medicine to Mrs. Jenkinson.....	4 15
443	Mrs. Meagher, rent to Meehan.....	8 33
444	Mrs. S. G. Hanchett, rent to Bean.....	30 00
447	E. McManus, rent to McGlone.....	5 00

ORDER.

449	Geo. K. Barker, rent to Mrs. Howe.....	\$ 9 00
455	E. P. Travis, rent to Woods.....	32 00
456	City of Lowell, rent to Witherell.....	12 00
457	Commonwealth of Mass., support of Wm. Moran and Geo. A. Davis.....	26 00
458	W. H. Sylvester, M. D., medical services on Bai- ley child and Hunter child.....	3 00
459	W. H. Sylvester, M. D., medical attendance on John Meehan.....	7 00
467	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 85
468	E. Walker, rent to Heinlein, Brady and Sheehan.	12 50
470	F. Deihl & Son, fuel to Welch, Buckley and For- ble	12 25
471	Mrs. J. Corkery, rent to Sweeney.....	12 00
472	Ann McKenney, care Allen child.....	10 00
473	F. J. McCollagh, rent to Welch.....	2 00
484	J. E. Sweetland, rent to Bacher, King and Brace- land	15 00
487	W. L. Coolidge, milk for O'Brien.....	4 80
488	“ “ rent to W. A. Nichols.....	24 00
489	“ “ “ P. Bradley.....	16 50
490	Seaver Pray, care E. Walker.....	6 25
495	Mrs. Meagher, rent to Meehan.....	5 00
502	J. H. Wright, salary town physician.....	16 66
503	“ “ medical care Coggins family.....	10 00
504	C. W. Burks, funeral expenses Ferneaux child..	10 00
507	“ “ “ “ Coggens “ ..	13 00
514	N. P. U. store, goods to Fay, Curley, Bacher, Meehan, Hatch, Coggens.....	88 00
515	E. E. Dutton, care Mrs. Sawin.....	13 50
519	Adam Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 57
528	Elliot Perry, goods to Ulrich.....	5 00
529	N. P. U. store, goods to Curley, Bacher, Meehan, Fay, Troner, Hatch.....	52 50
530	W. H. Kimball, rent to Mrs. Loker.....	12 00
532	Seaver Pray, care Walker child.....	5 00
533	J. E. Sweetland, rent to Bacher, King and Brace- land	15 00
534	J. E. Keating, M. D., medical attendance on Sarah McGrath.....	10 00

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536	Susan G. Hanchett, rent to Bean.....	\$ 13 50
538	E. McManus, rent to McGlone.....	10 00
539	F. J. McCullagh, rent to Welch.....	2 00
542	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Sheehan and Brady...	12 50
543	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	8 00
544	Honora Ulrich, rent to Mrs. Keating.....	8 00
548	Mrs. M. Moran, care Sarah McGrath.....	46 48
549	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull, Knowlton and Warner.....	25 00
550	Mrs. Meagher, rent to Meehan.....	5 00
552	W. A. Bird, fuel to Howe, Meehan, Ferneaux, King, Hatch, Welch.....	50 64
553	W. S. Rice, alias Frink, cash.....	5 00
555	W. L. Coolidge, rent W. A. Nichols.....	6 00
556	Loker Bros., goods to Bradley, Sawin, Bacher, Curley, Fay, Hatch.....	33 50
563	R. B. Valentine, rent Geo. Bean.....	6 00
564	W. H. Kimball, rent Loker.....	4 00
565	F. Deihl & Son, wood to Mrs. Ulrich, Welch, Buckley, Farwell and Keating.....	30 50
566	Honora Ulrich, rent Mrs. Keating.....	4 00
570	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	10 00
572	Adams Hardy, care Underwood.....	8 85
577	N. P. U. store, goods to Meehan, Warner, Curley, Bacher, Mahoney, Fay.....	36 00
579	J. F. Leach, rent Munroe.....	8 00
584	J. E. Sweetland, rent King, Braceland and Bacher	15 00
585	J. H. Wright, town physician.....	16 66
586	" " attending Coggens.....	5 00
587	G. K. Barker, rent Howe.....	13 00
588	Seaver Pray, care Walker boy.....	5 00
594	C. W. Ford, goods to Hull and Mahoney.....	12 00
596	Barry & Burns, shoes to Welch.....	4 05
597	Worcester Asylum, chronic insane.....	13 93
598	Commonwealth of Mass.....	8 00
600	Worcester Lunatic Hospital, insane.....	387 64
601	Danvers " " "	46 44
603	C. W. Burks, burial expenses Warner.....	18 00
604	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00

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605	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	6 00
608	Robinson & Jones, fuel for Bradley, Bacher, O'Brien, Cozzens, Knowlton, Warner, Bean, Brookings, Fay, Ferneaux.....	41 67
609	E. Clark, goods to Welch, Bradley, King, Buck- ley, Wignot, Farwell, Hatch, Forble, Brady..	187 00
610	City Somerville, care Hannah Ginty.....	24 45
611	H. A. Wright, rent Sarah McGrath.....	7 00
612	City of Lowell, care Ella Witherell.....	12 00
615	W. L. Coolidge, rent to Nichols.....	6 00
616	S. O. Daniels, medicine to poor.....	32 22
619	Chas. Del Giorno, care of Nazzaro child.....	12 00
621	Town of Dedham, aid to Susannah Paul.....	7 45
622	Town of Framingham, aid to Badger.....	5 00
640	Mrs. Corkery, rent to P. Sweeney.....	12 00
643	R. B. Valentine, rent to Bean.....	7 80
645	W. H. Kimball, rent to Mrs. Loker.....	4 00
647	Adams Hardy, care Mrs. Underwood.....	8 85
648	Chas. H. Sherman, teams to A. Blaney.....	28 00
650	N. P. U. store, goods to Bacher, Curley, Meehan, Clough, Hatch, Fay and Kenedy.....	53 00
654	Geo. A. Leach, rent to Munroe.....	8 00
655	Seaver Pray, care E. Walker.....	6 25
656	City of Boston, care Welch, Woodbury and Grant	77 99
657	W. L. Coolidge, rent to Nichols.....	6 00
659	Town of Marlboro, care of O'Brien children.....	18 00
660	“ “ “ J. Noonan.....	17 50
663	City of Chelsea, care Kelly and Parsons.....	70 75
668	J. E. Sweetland, rent Bacher, King and Brace- land.....	15 00
671	J. H. Wright, town physician.....	26 00
673	French & Dakin, aid to Hull.....	10 83
674	Mrs. Mahar, rent to Meehan.....	10 00
677	Mary E. Hoey, rent to Geo. Warner.....	15 00
682	City of Boston, aid to Mary Heinlein.....	7 40
691	J. A. Bean, use of team and car fare.....	11 16
692	Honora Ulrich, rent to Keating.....	4 00
693	Ann McKenny, care Allen child.....	8 00
694	Barry & Burns, shoes to Mrs. Keating.....	3 25

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695	Barry & Burns, shoes to Mrs. Munroe.....	3 50
720	Mrs. Hatch, cash	2 00
728	J. J. Walker, rent Mrs. Hatch.....	15 00
729	S. S. Jones, goods to Mrs. Paul.....	1 50
740	E. Clark, goods to poor.....	66 00
745	Martin Rice, rent to Mrs. Mahar.....	36 00
750	N. P. U. store, goods to poor.....	55 00
751	J. E. Sweetland, rent to poor.....	15 00
753	Ann McKenney, care Allen child.....	8 00
754	M. V. B. Bartlett, goods to Walsh and Heinlein.	33 00
755	E. Walker, rent to Sheehan and Brady.....	12 50
756	Mrs. Corniskey, care Mrs. Crowley.....	10 00
758	Seaver Pray, care Walker boy.....	5 00
761	W. H. Kimball, rent Mrs. Loker.....	4 00
765	Geo. A. Leach, rent to Monroe.....	4 00
766	S. O. Daniels, supplies to poor.....	16 20
768	John Cleland, goods to Paul.....	8 50
771	C. W. Ford, goods to poor.....	33 00
776	Honora Ulrich, rent to Mrs. Keating.....	4 00
777	Mrs. Corkery, rent to P. Sweeney.....	12 00
779	W. A. Bird, supplies to poor.....	57 76
780	C. H. Felch, rent Mrs. Morse.....	20 00
783	Wm. Richards & Co., supplies to Greeley.....	5 80
787	Robinson & Jones, supplies to poor.....	15 20
789	Geo. K. Barber, rent Mrs. Howe.....	8 00
907	Loker Bros., supplies to poor.....	6 00
773	Mrs. Meagher, rent to Meehan.....	5 00
774	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00
696	E. McManus, rent McGlone.....	5 00
700	J. W. Valentine, teams and cash paid out.....	11 00
701	F. Deihl & Son, coal to Welch, Buckly, Keating.	12 00
702	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Sheehan and Brady...	12 50
703	F. J. McCullagh, rent to Welch.....	2 00
705	“ “ “ “	2 00
706	E. Walker, rent Heinlein, Sheehan and Brady...	12 50
708	Mrs. Hatch, aid on account Bridgewater.....	2 00
709	Chas. Del Giorno, care Nazzaro child.....	15 00
710	Loker Bros., aid Fay, McKenzie and Clough....	10 00
711	F. E. Houghton, conveyance of paupers.....	7 70

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714	Town of Royalston, aid to Pratt.....	22 79
715	H. A. Crane, milk for Bailey child.....	1 26
116	Robinson & Jones, fuel to Warner, Maher, Jack- son, Bacher and Perry.....	23 68
262	P. F. Woodbury, goods to Munroe.....	3 00
408	Geo. A. Leach, rent Munroe.....	8 00
336	“ “ “	8 00
453	“ “ “	8 00
496	“ “ “	8 00
522	“ “ “	8 00
642½	Mrs. Hatch,.....	2 00
Total		<u>\$6,497 11</u>

STATE AND BANK TAX.

629	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, National Bank tax.....	\$ 598 58
633	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State tax.....	<u>4,140 00</u>
		<u>\$4,738 58</u>

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, REPAIRS, ETC.

97	J. B. Fairbanks, circulars.....	\$ 3 00
243	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	11 19
248	C. W. Perry, carbolic acid powder.....	2 80
383	C. W. Gleason, taking school census.....	13 00
385	Robinson & Jones, wood.....	249 87
438	W. D. Parlin, hardware supplies.....	42 66
516	C. & J. Underwood, repairing blackboards.....	22 65
582	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	18 88
40	W. D. Parlin, supplies.....	27 77
127	W. H. Chamberlain, carting gravel.....	10 15
798	E. Clark, on account of schools and repairs.....	<u>26,234 43</u>
		<u>\$26,636 40</u>

COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

ORDER.

383	C. W. Gleason, collecting taxes.....	\$ 150 00
545	C. W. Gleason, collecting taxes.....	300 00
800	C. W. Gleason, abatements.....	1,157 32
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		\$1,607 32

RECAPITULATION.

Fire Department.....	\$4,791 10
Highways	5,077 08
Interest	19,590 16
Borrowed money.....	17,000 00
Enforcement of liquor law.....	745 03
Miscellaneous.....	3,862 15
Morse Institute	1,814 67
Poor soldiers.....	782 92
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	200 00
License account.....	1,256 25
Military aid.....	1,548 00
State aid.....	2,647 50
Officers	1,583 67
Police.....	892 60
Poor in Almshouse.....	1,960 63
Poor out of Almshouse.....	6,497 11
Bank tax.....	598 58
State tax.....	4,140 00
Schools, repairs, etc.....	26,636 40
Collection and abatement of taxes.....	1,607 32
Rent of Town hall.....	1,500 00

REMARKS OF THE SELECTMEN.

In submitting our report, we desire to say but few words. It is matter of regret to us that we have not been able to keep the expenditures within the appropriations. You may say that is the old story; but our word for it, when those who are disposed to find fault on this score are called upon to serve, they will see that it is impossible for Selectmen to do this. It is a matter that the heads of the various departments can control much better than the Selectmen, and even the heads of departments cannot always do it. Take, for instance, the poor: the law provides for their care, and very properly; so that if you do not appropriate enough, the account *must* overrun. As will be seen by the Overseers' report, we have paid over \$1500 this year for the care of the insane. From this there is no escape—the law makes their care imperative, and fixes the rate which hospitals may charge.

The town voted that we cause signs to be placed at the corners of the several streets. The signs are ready, but we were unable to get posts properly seasoned last year. We have contracted with Robinson & Jones for chestnut posts at 40 cents each. It will take 150 or more. The signs cost \$164,25. We have paid for the fountain voted to Felchville, \$180,72. There was no appropriation for this or the signs. We have procured, in accordance with your vote, a bookcase for the law library belonging to the town. It is a good second-hand case, and cost \$43,30.

We wish to call your special attention to the Fire Department. This department is charged with the pay of its own officers, who, though appointed, are none the less town officers; and the expense of heating the lockup also comes on this department. We think this should be considered when making appropriations, and due allowance made.

Last Spring, under the plea of economy, the pay of a portion of your officers was materially reduced. We believe this to be *poor* economy—that if this policy is pursued it will work injury to the town. Your officers should be paid liberally, so that they can afford to give plenty of time and thought to the business of the town, and transact it in a proper manner.

We especially commend the lockup keeper for the neat, tidy and faithful manner in which he has kept the lockup, for we think it is due to humanity and justice that it should be clean and comfortable.

The thanks of the whole town are due to Post 63, G. A. R., and also to the Ladies' Relief Corps, for the interest manifested by them in our poor soldiers.

To all who have befriended us in the many trials and tribulations we have passed through during the year, we extend our hearty thanks. We were inexperienced in business transactions, and have made mistakes which we regret; but some of our mistakes were needlessly mag-

nified, and the fact that we were working for a mere pittance seemed at times to be forgotten.

In closing, we express the hope that you will be fortunate in your choice of officers for the coming year, and will deal more liberally by them.

DANIEL A. MAHONY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JAMES W. VALENTINE,	
AARON WHEELER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Natick.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1883.

In accordance with the requirements of the town by-laws, Article third, Section seven, the Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit to the citizens and tax-payers of Natick, their annual report.

With the present system of keeping accounts, there is no special need of the Overseers of the Poor to make any elaborate or extensive report, for the cost of supporting the poor, both in and out of the almshouse, may be seen in the Selectmen's report. But the Overseers can make some remarks and explanations that may lead to a better understanding, and a more accurate knowledge of the receipts, disbursements, and the actual or net cost for support of poor during the past year, than could possibly be derived from the Selectmen's report.

Gross amount paid out for support of poor, out of alms-	
house	\$6.497 11
Due insane hospitals and cities and towns, estimate...	\$350 00
Total	\$6847 11

Received from other cities and towns for support of poor out of Almshouse ...	\$958 73	
Due from other cities and towns, estimate..	220 00	
Received from state for support of State paupers	19 80	
Due from state for support of state paupers, estimate.....	75 00	
A. Blaney, for aid rendered.....	17 76	
Received for partial support of Sarah Coolidge	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,343 29
Net cost for support of poor out of Almshouse.....	\$5,503 82	
Cost for support of Insane.....	\$1,641 20	
State Reform School.....	58 28	
State Primary School.....	33 00	
Paid other cities and towns for aid rendered for persons having a settlement in Natick.....	370 52	
	<hr/>	\$2,103 00
Cost for support of poor out of Almshouse, residing in and having a settlement in Natick.....	\$3,400 82	
Cost for support of poor in Almshouse.....	\$1,960 63	
Money paid out by the Warden as per receipts.....	81 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,042 05
Cash received as per Treasurer's report for produce sold during the year.....	\$605 21	
Cash paid out by Warden from produce sold	81 42	
Received from other towns for aid rendered at Almshouse.....	114 22	
Irwin Brothers, discount on bed.....	1 50	
A. Blaney, aid rendered.....	8 06	
“ “ “	8 60	
Repairing and painting Almshouse and Barn	330 73	
	<hr/>	\$1,149 74
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		\$892 31

Appraisal of stock in 1882.....	2,502 92
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	\$3,395 23
Appraisal of stock in 1883.....	2,353 42
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Net cost of Almshouse.....	\$1,041 81
Net cost out of Almshouse.....	5,503 82
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Net cost in and out of Almshouse.....	\$6,545 63
Cost for repairing and painting Almshouse and Barn..	330 73
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Total	\$6,876 36
Appropriation.....	\$5,500 00
Overdraw	1,376 36
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	\$6,876 36

It will readily be observed that the cost for support of poor outside the almshouse is increasing yearly, caused in a great measure for support of the unfortunate insane who require and deserve our commiseration in losing their reason to the extent of making their incarceration inevitable.

The average number in asylums during the year were nine. One of their number has a family that is poor and indigent and will require assistance for some years to come, and we aided them during the year to the extent of \$254.45. About three-fourths of the applicants applying for outside relief are widows with small children, or persons sick and infirm. As Overseers of the Poor, as tax-payers and as citizens, we deplore the fact that the poor, whom we have always with us, seem to be increasing in our midst; nor is it any comfort or consolation to know that they are on the increase all over the commonwealth, and that Natick compares more than favorably with any of our neighboring towns. We congratulate the tax-payers, and feel elated in speaking of the good management and rigid economy displayed and practiced by the present efficient Warden, aided as he has been by the indefatigable exertions and constant labor of his amiable wife. They have spared no pains or labor in whatever pertained to the comfort and happiness of the inmates, and in cheerfully aiding the Overseers in keeping down expenses to the lowest minimum.

Total number of inmates during the year, 30.

Average number during year, 6.

Present number in Almshouse, 6.

Number of weeks' board, 320 3-7.

Number of days' board, 2243.

Cost for each inmate per day, including board and salary of Warden and family, 46 1-2 cents. The cost also includes the support of 314 travelers who have been entertained to supper, bed and breakfast, and would be equal to 209 1-3 days, or about thirty weeks, and if deducted from the cost of inmates, would make the net cost of inmates, which includes board, clothes, medicine and medical attendance, 42 1-2 cents per day.

The condition of the almshouse is in every way satisfactory; the house and barn have been quite extensively and thoroughly repaired and painted, and will not require any further outlay for many years. The house and inmates are kept clean and neat, and everything is done to make the almshouse a model home for the aged, sick, infirm and helpless, and, if possible, to make the almshouse self-sustaining, by keeping constantly employed those of its inmates who are able to work. The Overseers of the Poor, in accordance with a vote of the town at its last annual meeting, took formal possession, in the name of the town, of what is known as the "Kehoe estate." The town also instructed the Overseers to sell the property, and in compliance with said vote, we advertised the estate for sale in both the local papers, believing at the time that we would get some one solicitous to purchase. But, finding that we could not sell at private sale to advantage, we considered the propriety of selling at public auction; and after conferring with one of the Assessors, and consulting ourselves, we deemed the time unpropitious to sell at auction, as the winter had set in. We are of the opinion that it is better to sell than repair, and intend to sell the estate at public auction in May next, providing the town at the coming annual meeting do not interpose. Mr. Blaney paid the town treasurer \$81.16, the amount due the estate on the first of March, 1882, and the Overseers of the Poor have paid the treasurer \$24.00 received for rent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX'R BLANEY,	} <i>Overseers</i>
JAMES W. VALENTINE,	
JOSIAH A. BEAN,	
	<i>of the</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

Collector's Report.

DR.

Amount uncollected March 1, 1882.....	\$16,785 72
“ interest received.....	233 15
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	\$17,018 87

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, treasurer.....	\$13,856 53
Abatements ordered.....	629 08
Tax deeds.....	415 04
Amount uncollected.....	2,118 22
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	\$17,018 87

TAX OF 1882.

DR.

Amount committed for collection.....	\$75,404 13
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CR.

Paid Edward Clark, treasurer.....	\$55,931 40
Paid County tax.....	1,560 30
Abatements ordered.....	528 24
Balance uncollected.....	17,384 19
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	\$75,404 13

Amount due on polls.....	\$1,004 00	
“ “ personal estates.....	1,616 75	
“ “ real estate.....	14,763 44	
	<hr/>	\$17,384 19
Amount of interest due on above.....	281 86	
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Total amount of uncollected taxes.....	\$19,502 41	
Amount collected since last report.....	\$71,348 23	
Paid E. Clark, treasurer.....	\$69,787 93	
Paid County tax.....	1,560 30	
	<hr/>	\$71,348 23

CHARLES W. GLEASON, *Collector.*

NATICK, March 1, 1883.

Road Commissioners' Report.

The road commissioners respectfully submit this, their first annual report, to the citizens of Natick.

The board organized by the election of Albert Meade as chairman, and W. W. Wight as clerk.

The town was divided into three districts, as follows :

All south of and including Woodland street, also all east of and including Rockland street, and Cottage street to South Main street, was set off to Mr. Meade.

All of the streets remaining on the south side of the Boston & Albany Railroad was set off to Mr. Brennan.

All of the streets lying north of the main line of the Boston & Albany Railroad was set off to Mr. Wight.

The commissioners retained their powers over the whole roads, but the repairs on each district was looked after by only one.

Two Winchendon road scrapers were bought, costing seventy-five dollars, and they have well paid for themselves already.

The gravel pit, known as the Soule pit, on the Plains, having run out, we were obliged to buy a new one, Mrs. Kimball selling us all of the gravel on one quarter of an acre for one hundred dollars. This pit will give us all of the gravel needed for a number of years.

The South Main street bridge was rebuilt at a cost of \$198.32. We found that the old covering stones were too short for the new bridge, and as they were right for the bridge at James Hall's, the old planks were removed from that and the stone covers put on in place.

The amount of money appropriated for sidewalks was fully ex-

pended, according to the instructions given at the last town meeting.

The amount of money appropriated by the Town for roads, bridges, etc., was divided as follows:

Mr. Meade was to expend.....	\$1,566 66
Mr. Wight " " 	1,666 66
Mr. Brennan " " 	1,966 68

Total.....	\$5,200 00
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Mr. Brennan was to have the use of the town teams by paying the expense of their keeping, as well as the pay of the driver of Steamer No. 1.

The total amount expended during the year was.....	\$5,077 88
Amount now on hand.....	122 92

Total.....	\$5,200 00
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Bills amounting to \$81.34, due March 1, 1882, were paid out of the total amount.

The amount expended by each commissioner, for the year, was as follows:

	MEADE.	WIGHT.	BRENNAN.
One-third of the 1881 bills.....	\$27 11	\$27 12	\$27 11
Amount expended in			
March .....	.....	11 20	77 55
April	400 00	493 90	273 72
May.....	210 00	317 65	264 14
June	94 65	92 45	222 85
July.....	.....	20 95	164 38
August	282 86	140 70	368 41
September.....	50 27	32 40	149 24
October.....	88 90	30 31	200 56
November	79 81	164 69	99 78
December	4 33	2 75	95 69
January, 1883	10 00	10 87	100 20
February, "	4 17	26 97	175 34
Road scraper	37 50	37 50	.....
Gravel pit.....	50 00	50 00
Snow-plow	25 00
Grain and hay bills, extra.....	184 80

\$1,289 60	\$1,459 46	\$2,478 77
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Cr. by work done by town teams			
on W W Wight's district..	150 75
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			\$2,328 02
Total expended	\$5,077 08		
Balance on hand.....	122 92		
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		\$5,200 00	

ALBERT MEADE,
WILLARD W. WIGHT,
PATRICK BRENNAN,

Road Commissioners.

Report of Fire Department.

The following annual report of the Natick Fire Department, for the year ending February 1, 1883, we respectfully submit:

The three companies at the center station have been called out thirteen times during the past year, ending January 1, 1883—ten fires, two false alarms, and once for assistance in Wayland. Steamer No. 2 has been called out six times—twice for assistance in the center village, once at Southville, and three fires in South Natick. Hose No. 4 of Felchville has been out three times—once in Felchville and twice for assistance in the center village.

The amount of insurance found on property endangered, was \$69,-512.70. Amount paid by company, was \$23,867.70. The damage was \$24,114.80—a loss of \$251,10 where there was no insurance. There was only one case in the past year where the buildings were totally destroyed. Most of that could have been saved had there been water and a system of fire alarm of some kind, which is much needed.

The department is in as good standing as can be expected, for the small amount of pay the members receive does not insure the interest that should be kept up in a department that has the amount of work to do that this does; and we would recommend that the pay be raised to thirty dollars per year for each member, which is little enough to keep up an interest and secure men that are fit for the place.

The Center house has been remodeled, and is in as good condition as any in Boston for convenience in getting out quickly, and is fully appreciated by the members. But the improvements should not stop here. The rest of the apparatus should be drawn by horses; also some way provided to give alarms promptly, and the location of the fire. We think it would be a saving, in two ways, to purchase three more horses: first, the fire department could be reduced eight men, which would

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save, at the pay now given, two hundred dollars; and the road department could get their teams for what it would cost to keep them. The sum that both departments could save, would go far toward paying for the keeping.

The orders drawn by the Selectmen will show you what has been done with the appropriation. By their report it will be seen that we have overdrawn seven hundred and ninety-one dollars and ten cents. As there was no provision made for the services of the engineers for the year ending May 1, 1882, it was paid out of our appropriation, which the Selectmen saw fit to do. This made three hundred and twenty-five dollars of the overdraw that we did not make any calculation on; the rest, we must acknowledge, is overdrawn. But we have turned into the town treasurer the amount of \$227.13 for articles not wanted in the department; so it will reduce the above amount to a small sum. We have spent the funds as judiciously as possible, and think the citizens who have visited the house, will vouch for it. And in consideration of the work the department has done during the past year and the amount of property saved, ought to balance the amount overdrawn, we would recommend that the town appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars for the ensuing year, so that a small amount of hose can be purchased each year, and by so doing save an extra appropriation for hose.

J. W. MORSE, <i>Chief,</i>	}	<i>Engineers.</i>
D. E. WHEELER,		
R. HUNTING,		

Report of Lock-up Keeper.

To the Selectmen of Natick:

GENTLEMEN—Having been duly appointed Keeper of Lock-up, I submit to you and the town a record showing what has transpired during my term of office.

C. G. THAYER.

Whole number in lockup during the year, for all offences,

was	98
Drunks	65
Assaults	4
Disturbing the peace.....	3
Sick cared by the town.....	6
Adultery	2
For setting fire (in Holliston).....	1
Died from voluntary use of Paris green.....	1
Taken to Worcester Asylum.....	1
Killed by cars on B. & A. R. R.....	1
Attempted rape.....	1
Carrying fire-arms.....	1
Larceny.....	2
Fornication.....	1
Held for other officers.....	4
Horse Thieving	2
Fraud	2
Hotel beat.....	1

Assessors' Report.

The Assessors of Natick respectfully submit the following report as the annual statement of their department of town affairs:

Rate of taxation, \$15.60 on \$1,000.

Amount of annual town appropriations	\$67,615 31
“ state tax.....	4,140 00
“ county tax	1,560 30
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	\$73,315 61

VALUATION.

Real estate.....	\$3,753,225 00
Personal property.....	820,775 00
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	\$4,574,000 00

ASSESSMENT.

Number of polls, 2,084; tax.....	\$4,162 00
Tax on real estate.....	58,536 93
“ personal estate.....	12,804 87
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Total assessment.....	\$75,503 80
Anticipated bank and corporation tax.....	2,000 00
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	\$77,503 80
Deduct State and County tax and town appropriation.	73,315 61
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	\$4,188 19

We have as balance the sum of four thousand one hundred eighty-eight dollars and nineteen cents. Of this sum \$3,663.39 was overlay, and \$524.80 was the net result of the second assessment.

At the Town Meeting held August 15, 1882, the Treasurer of the town was instructed to pay out of the funds arising from the Assessors' overlay, such sums as should be found necessary to pay for land purchased for schoolhouse on South Main street, and also any deficit on building of said schoolhouse. Under this vote, the Town Treasurer has paid out \$2,500.07. There is still left not called for under any appropriation yet made, \$1,688.12.

If none of the departments have overdrawn their appropriations, the Selectmen can reduce the town debt sixteen hundred eighty-eight dollars and twelve cents, a result which ought to be realized; but judging from the experience of past years, we have little reason to expect it will be.

In our opinion the law relating to the tax on mortgages, has not been of benefit to our people. It has increased the burdens of the poor, and relieved the wealthy to a corresponding extent.

R. E. FARWELL,	}	Assessors
REUBEN HUNTING,		of
PATRICK PETTEE,		Natick.

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health of the town of Natick, would respectfully report that among the "nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness examined into, are the following:—

Privies in all stages and conditions of filth and offensiveness; sink drains emptying upon the surface of the ground, or into pools of stagnant water; cesspools, oftentimes with no traps of any description to prevent the poisonous gases from passing unobstructed into the houses; barn cellars used not only for the ordinary purposes of such cellars, but also made the receptacles of all kinds of sewage, and then provided with excellent arrangements for admitting the poisoned air into the adjoining tenements; animal and vegetable matter in various stages of decomposition. For the unsanitary condition of things above described "owners, agents and occupants" were variously at fault. It does not, seem to be generally known that any one of the above-named parties can be severally held responsible for nuisances on property in any way under their control, and can be compelled by law to abate such nuisances. We are happy to state, however, that, in nearly every instance, whatever recommendations were made by the Board, were cheerfully complied with. In two cases only was it found necessary to resort to legal proceedings, and in both of those cases the offending parties lived in other towns.

In September last, a paper, signed by several parties, was presented to the Board, stating that the open ditch situated east of, and running parallel with, Franklin street, and extending from Harvard street to North avenue, (designated in the paper presented as the "north arm of Pegan brook") was a nuisance, and praying that it be abated. Legal counsel was employed by the Board to ascertain who were the owners of the property on which the nuisance was situated, and an order was served in legal form upon said owners to abate the nuisance within

twenty days. No heed was given to the order. After consultation with the Selectmen, it was thought best not incur further expense, but to refer the entire matter with the proceedings of the Board thus far, to the voters in annual meeting assembled, and let them take such action as might be deemed best. An article to that effect will be found in the Town Warrant.

Early in the year, regulations were put in force in regard to attendance at the public schools, of children coming from houses where were cases of infectious and contagious diseases. These regulations have in general been willingly complied with. In some cases they may have seemed to be unnecessarily rigid; but all will agree that to be over-cautious *is better for the community* than undue carelessness.

While no official regulations were enforced in regard to the burial of the remains of those dying from infectious and contagious diseases, yet it has been strenuously insisted upon that the funerals, in all such cases, should be as private as possible. This is especially trying, as, alas! too many of our citizens have come to realize during the past year. But here again, all will agree that affection for the dead must give precedence to protection for the living. Attention is called to the following order, recently issued by the Boston Board of Health, as indicating the strict rules enforced in Boston and other cities, when deaths occur from infectious and contagious diseases.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, }
 NO. 32 PEMBERTON SQUARE, }
 BOSTON, NOV. 21, 1882. }

Whereas, the diseases designated as small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhus fever are contagious and dangerous to the public health, and have been, and may easily be, contracted at funerals from dead bodies, by apartments which have been infected by such diseases, it is therefore

Ordered, That from and after this date no public funeral shall be held over the remains of any person having died from small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria or typhus fever, without the written permit of the board of health and under such regulations as shall effectually prevent the spread of either of said diseases.

Ordered, further, that the remains of persons dying of either of said diseases shall be at once placed in a tight or sealed coffin, and shall not thereafter be exposed to view or disturbed except for burial.

Per order of the board of health.

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Last summer it came to the knowledge of the Board that hacks had been used in place of hearses in some cases of funerals from deaths from diseases of the nature mentioned above. Undertakers and livery stable keepers were at once notified that such practices must be discontinued; with this regulation they have readily complied. Should this seem to bring additional expense upon any who can ill afford to pay for

a hearse, it were better that the town pay such extra expense than to allow hacks or other carriages to be thus used.

Last July we inspected the south arm of Pegan brook, from its termination in Dug pond to where it crosses the South Natick road. We found seven sink drains emptying into the brook; one cesspool with a covered overflow into the brook; one privy within two feet of the brook; one pig-pen, the wash from which must go into the brook during high water; one barn cellar used as a receptacle for manure and also as a privy vault, which is flooded by the brook during high water. These facts, with the names of the parties permitting the nuisances, were given in detail in a report made by us to the Water Commissioners. Since making said report we have learned that a sewer, connected with several dwelling houses, empties directly into the brook. The distance, in a straight line, from the mouth of this brook to the pumping station, is 980 feet. The direct pollution of our water supply from these sources of filth, must be evident to all. We see no other way to preserve the purity of our water supply, than by acquiring and maintaining permanent control of the brook and its banks.

Finally, the Board would respectfully call the attention of their fellow-citizens to the now well-recognized dangers arising from set wash-bowls, especially in sleeping apartments, communicating with cesspools; from untrapped drains; imperfectly trapped water closets; too great proximity of cesspools; neglect in using disinfectants, the most effectual of which is very cheap; the imperfect isolation of persons sick with contagious diseases; allowing children from families afflicted with contagious diseases to continue at school; and public funerals of those who have died from contagious diseases.

GEORGE J. TOWNSEND,	} <i>Board</i>
JAS. H. WRIGHT,	
CHAS. H. COOK,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Health.</i>

List of Jurors, 1883.

Ambler, William F.
Arnold, John
Babcock, Charles F.
Bacon, Albert F.
Bent, Silas H.
Best, George W.
Blandin, Abraham O.
Boardman, Frederick M.
Brennan, Patrick
Broad, Hezekiah, jr.
Brown, Austin M.
Burk, Walter
Bigelow, Francis
Brock, George W.
Brady, Charles
Brown, William H.
Bunker, Emery J.
Buckley, Cornelius E.
Burns, Timothy
Cassidy, James
Casgrain, Moses
Caswell, Frank P.
Cheney, Amos P.
Childs, John F.
Clough, William H. H.
Coleman, Daniel
Colburn, Sidney E.
Coonihan, Patrick
Currier, Charles P.
Currier, Samuel
Crawford, John F.

Clancy, Thomas M.
Davis, Charles A.
Duggan, Timothy
Demerritt, William F.
Deihl, Frederick, sen.
Drury, Leonard A.
Dunton, George E.
Dacy, John W.
Doherty, Patrick T.
Edwards, Elijah
Eldridge, Allen J.
Everett, Peter N.
Favor, Richmond
Finn, Edward
Fiske, David F.
Foley, Richard
French, Brewster
Fox, Patrick
Ford, John H.
Foskett, Abijah
Felch, I. K.
Gay, George H.
George, Daniel E.
Gilligan, James H.
Glidden, Irving E.
Goodnow, Charles A.
Goodwin, David
Gordon, James S.
Gray, Francis W.
Goulding, John S.
Hall, George

Hall, James W.
 Hammond, Edward W.
 Hanson, Joshua L.
 Hardy, Simeon
 Hayes, Edgar S.
 Hill, Isaac N.
 Hoppf, Martin
 Houghton, George G.
 Hilt, Charles E.
 Ingalls, Newell
 Jones, William H.
 Jennison, Charles W.
 Johnson, David K.
 Kerns, John
 Keaneally, John
 Kimball, George W.
 Kinsman, Eliphilet E.
 Kelleher, John P.
 Littlefield, Joseph H.
 Loker, Walter F.
 Lucy, Daniel J.
 Lucey, Cornelius W.
 Maguire, John
 Mahony, Daniel
 Marsh, Reuben V.
 McCracken, William
 McCutchins, Thomas
 McGurren, Andrew J.
 McManus, Edward
 Mead, Albert
 Messinger, Charles W.
 Morse, Melvin A.
 Morse, Alexander H.
 Muzzy, Dana F.
 Mahoney, John O.
 Maher, Thomas
 McGlone, James L.
 McManus, Patrick
 Murphy, Thomas

Nason, Horace F.
 Nute, George A.
 Nutt, Isaac B.
 O'Connor, Michael
 Parmenter, Joshua
 Porter, Frank
 Pook, Charles A.
 Pratt, Francis H.
 Pray, Henry A.
 Perry, George E.
 Randall, Robert H.
 Rawson, Walter E.
 Reed, Nathan
 Rice, Martin
 Robinson, Charles
 Rouane, Patrick
 Regan, William
 Sanger, John L.
 Simonds, Frank P.
 Smith, Milton E.
 Stevens, Addison
 Stratton, George W.
 Sullivan, John W.
 Sweetland, Edward H.
 Sheehan, Timothy
 Tanner, Charles E.
 Travis, Alphonzo L.
 True, Joseph O.
 Underwood, Charles, jr.
 Valentine, Rufus B.
 Walker, Seth
 Whalan, John
 Whitcomb, Silas
 Wight, Royal B.
 Wight, Wendell W.
 Wilson, Edward H.
 Wood, Charles J.
 Woodward, Heman C.
 Willis, Abel L.

Per Order Selectmen.

DANIEL A. MAHONY,
 JAMES W. VALENTINE,

Selectmen of Natick.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Natick, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall (Clark's Block) in said Natick, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, 1883, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers, to include one School Committee to serve for three years, one Overseer of the Poor to serve for three years, one Water Commissioner to serve for three years, one Road Commissioner to serve for three years, a Board of Health, to consist of three persons, for one year, and five trustees of the Morse Institute, to serve for five years; and also to answer the following question by ballot: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 3. To hear and act on the reports of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Board of Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Board of Water Commissioners, School Committee, Tax Collector, and Trustees of Morse Institute, the committees on the several cemeteries, and any other committee that has been appointed by the town.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will grant for the support and maintenance of schools, for repairs on schoolhouses, repairs of school furniture, and school supplies; for repairs of roads, bridges, and sidewalks; for the support and maintenance of poor; for paying

interest and existing liabilities; for support of the Morse Institute; for collecting, assessing, and abatement of taxes; for maintenance of the Fire Department; for pay of Watchmen and Police; for Lighting streets; for rent of Town Hall; for paying Town Officers; for paying military aid and assisting poor soldiers and their families; for the decoration of Deceased Soldiers' graves; for suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors; for maintaining the purity of the water supply; for planting shade trees on the highway; for incidental and necessary town expenses.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money temporarily, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take towards watering the streets.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the list of names of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to employ counsel in cases of suits against the town.

ART. 9. To see what the town will fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes at, and to elect a Tax Collector.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor.

ART. 11. To see whether the town, by its vote or otherwise, will ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 12. To see if the town will furnish aqueduct water for use in water motors at a reduced price, and if so at what price.

ART. 13. To see if the town will have the valuation of the town printed in pamphlet form, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will, as the policies of insurance expire on town property, thereafter assume the fire risk in whole or in part upon such property.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a Town Hall, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will adopt sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of chap. 101 of the Public Statutes.

ART. 17. To see if the town will cause the extension of water works on East Central street, as far as Lawrence Kyte's house, or to any other street or section of the town.

ART. 18. To see if the town will accept the following bequest of Willard Drury, viz: "I give, devise and bequeath to the town of Natick

aforesaid, a body corporate duly established by law, the sum of five hundred dollars, not to its own use, but in trust nevertheless for the following express purpose, viz: To apply the net annual income of said sum to the care and preservation of my lot in the Dell Park cemetery so called, in said Natick.

ART. 19. To see if the town will adopt a by-law in accordance with Section 28 of chap. 102 of the Public Statutes, so as to enable the Selectmen to license suitable persons to be pawnbrokers.

ART. 20. To see if the town will direct the school committee to employ an expert to teach writing in the schools.

ART. 21. To see if the town will choose, appoint or direct the appointment of the various town committees for the year ensuing.

ART. 22. To see if the town will grant to the Bacon Free Library one-fourth of the dog money.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize or direct its Collector to commence suit against any delinquents owing tax on personal property, and employ counsel, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will repair the fence around the West Part cemetery, and grant money for the same.

ART. 25. To see if the town will cause a new fence to be built around Glenwood Cemetery.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take relating to the abatement of a nuisance caused by the open ditch situated east of and running parallel with Franklin street, called the north arm of Pegan brook.

ART. 27. To see if the town will accept of Curve street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners; also Oakland street, and also an extension of School street, and also Western Avenue, and also Highland street, and to see what amount of money the town will grant to build said streets and extensions.

ART. 28. To see if the town will discontinue that part of Leach Lane lying north of land owned by Hugh Moran.

ART. 29. To see if the town will give the committee, "chosen Feb. 28, 1880, to employ suitable counsel to defend them whenever and wherever their rights may be assailed," any instructions relative to the bill of the City of Boston for additional legislation for the purity of their water supply, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing land for cemetery purposes, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will appropriate money to build a fence around Dell Park Cemetery, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will take any action towards preserving the purity of the water flowing through the south arm of Pegan Brook.

ART. 33. To see if the town will put in a suitable pipe drain from Pegan Brook, near the post office, to the Boston & Albany railroad sewer on north side of the railroad, so as to prevent the flowing of celars in that vicinity, in case of freshets, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 34. To see if the town will lay a concrete walk from the post-office across South Main street, to French & Dakin's sidewalk, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 35. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the and bounded on the west by land owned by John Flynn, said land being on the north side of Nebraska street, in that part of Natick known as Nebraska Plains, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the town will authorize the water commissioners to petition the Legislature for leave to issue water bonds in place of those coming due in 1884, or otherwise act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies hereof at each of the post-offices in town seven days at least before the day appointed for holding said meeting; also by publishing a true and attested copy hereof in the Natick *Citizen* and Natick *Bulletin*, newspapers published in Natick, once at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as afore-said.

Given under our hands this second day of March, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three.

DANIEL A. MAHONY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Natick.</i>
JAMES W. VALENTINE,		
AARON WHEELER,		

A true copy,

Attest:

J. H. GILSON, *Constable.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL POLICE ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LIQUOR LAW.

To the honorable Board of Selectmen,

GENTLEMEN : — Having been appointed special officer to enforce the liquor law—a position under any and all circumstances arduous, to say the least—I present a report covering my term of office so far as I have any knowledge. It will be remembered that when I was put in the above position, not I, but the whole community, believed the whole responsibility, so far as enforcing the law, was resting upon my shoulders, as it should ; but it has been far from it, for I was assailed by the chairman of the board, who told his associates that for the non-enforcement of the warrants I was refused any more. In order that the truth of the above assertion might be shown (as has been the case of several others), I brought the chairman before E. C. Morse, Trial Justice, who denied the assertion, claiming never to have made such.

While my report does not include any service in South Natick, it would have been more to my satisfaction (not for notoriety) and to that of the public, had I had control of all warrants issued, as I should have had, rather to have been a figure-head for a half-dozen, as has been the case, and be accused of the non-enforcement of the law.

The periods covered in this report are from May 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883, and the whole number of warrants issued was 81. While it is useless to mention the officers serving them (as it would take several pages to do so), I will say right here, any citizen desirous of my standing can examine the Court record, which will not falsify.

Of the total number of warrants issued, five have been discharged, thirty-four were fruitless searches, and forty-two have been convicted to the satisfaction of the law.

PARTIES RAIDED ON.

Name.	Number of times.	Convicted.
Mary Ahern.....	3	1
C. H. Avry.....	2	2
J. Burke.....	1	
F. Bisch.....	2	1
A. Bisch.....	1	
J. L. Cobb.....	3	
T. Donnellon.....	5	2
M. Donnellon, (deceased).....	6	6
P. Dolan.....	1	
C. Fair.....	3	
T. H. Gavin.....	3	3
F. Gavin.....	5	3
H. Green.....	5	4
M. E. Hoey.....	7	3
P. Hogan.....	4	
L. Kyte.....	3	1
S. Mulligan.....	1	
M. Quirk.....	3	1
B. Donnellon.....	1	
A. Hersey.....	4	4
H. C. Woodbury.....	1	
D. Green.....	2	2
M. H. Whalan.....	3	1
D. Sheehan.....	5	4
J. Sweeney.....	7	3
Total.....	81	42

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. PEARSE, *Special Officer.*

Town Clerk's Report.

We look and behold the young child, and ask, "What can confer more joy than this child?" Again we look and see the newly-married couples, and exclaim, "Here, too, is joy and contentment!" We now turn to the shady side, and there lay the prostrate forms of those we loved, silent in death, and subduedly we whisper, "O, how sad, how hard to know we must lay them away to be seen no more by mortal-eyes." Such has been the experience of most of us at some time in our lives, and a goodly number of our people have had these experiences during the past year, as will be seen by consulting the following schedules of births, marriages and deaths, viz. :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NATICK, IN 1880 AND 1881.

NOT HERETOFORE REPORTED.

1880

Name of Child.

Names of Parents.

OCTOBER.

10 Harold Elbridge Allen, Charles R. and Ella B.

NOVEMBER.

2 Louisa Hopff, Frederick and Johanna.

1881

APRIL.

26 Herbert Wattling, John and Mary J.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1882.

JANUARY.

1	Joanna Mahoney,	Daniel and Joanna.
4	George Albert O'Brien,	John H. and Katie L.
5	Teresa McGurren,	Andrew J. and Bridget.
7	Charles Leonard Parker,	Henry A. and Mary E.
7	Nellie Ann McCracken,	John and Susan.
9	Carleton Henry Felch,	Chester H. and Carrie E.
11	Alden Brigham Jackson,	Alden B. and Ellen,
12	Ida Jeannetta Stevens,	Charles and Martha J.
20	Martin Francis Holland,	Charles H. and Martha J.
21	Edwin Lafayette Huntoon,	Edwin C. and Nellie.
22	Catherine Maloney	James and Mary.
22	Joseph Hall,	Martin and Margaret.
27	Mary Hilda Ansbro,	James L. and Winnifred.

FEBRUARY.

1	Alfred Eugene Puffer,	William J. and Jennie A.
1	Margaret O'Connell,	Thomas and Margaret.
2	Edward Thomas Whalan,	Edward and Ellen.
2	Ethel Josephine Cooper,	George H. and Cora A.
6	Susan Mabel Valentine,	Rufus B. and Adelaide.
7	Bridget Catharine McGrath,	William and Ellen E.
9	Hannorah Carroll,	Barthclomew and Mary.
10	Florence May Bernard,	Frank J. and Clara J.
13	Roscoe Melvin Lindley,	Raenzi M. and Elena A.
16	Frederick William Brown,	William H. and Maria F.
16	Freddie Herbert Slammin,	James J. and Mary E.
16	James Fred Sawin,	James J. and Elizabeth.
17	Caroline Augusta Bryant,	Henry H. and Ruth C.
20	Arthur Langdon Gray,	Francis W. and Nellie F.
22	Irene E. Goulding,	——— Emma S.
20	——— Holland,	Charles and Mary.
23	Florence Louise Hanna,	Thomas and Catharine.
25	Frank Gavin,	Thomas H. and Mary.
27	Harold Marshall Jones,	Joseph F. and Nettie.

MARCH.

2	Jennie Pauline Emanuelson,	Peter A. and Annie M.
3	Daniel Driscoll,	Patrick and Margaret.
2	——— Whitney,	William F. B. and Annie B.
4	Helen Fostina Sherman,	Richard K. and Mary E.

8	George Ernest Lamb,	Frederick E. and Mary E.
8	James Patrick Murphy,	Patrick J. and Margaret.
13	William Hopff,	Frederick and Johanna.
14	Margaret Mahan,	Daniel and Anna.
18	George Alfred Young,	Nathan P. and Lillian A.
19	Edith Marion Jones,	Charles H. and Annie.
19	Florence Marion Edwards,	Frank E. and Jessie M.
21	Joseph Michael Bradley,	Michael and Margaret.
22	Margaret Nelson,	Thomas and Mary.
23	———— Loker,	James F. and Mary A.
26	David Avery Woodsum,	David M. and Desire H.
27	Helen Francis Penney,	Thomas and Julia.
25	Lewis Erwin Whipple,	Harrison and Annie.
27	Charles Henry Knowlton,	Edward N. and Mary E.
27	Lottie Gilday,	Joseph and Katie.
28	Agnes Frances Perry,	Francis C. and Angie J.
28	Agnes O'Connell,	John and Mary.
29	Leroy Kimball,	George W. and Cora E.
29	James W. Hill,	James and Maggie.
30	Windsor Thomas Fairbank,	Dexter H. and Jennie.
31	Mary McCarthy,	Patrick and Margaret.

APRIL.

2	Milton Leroy Fiske,	George D. and Minnie L.
4	Harriet James White,	John H. and Margaret.
5	Grace Ethel Bartlett,	George L. and Emma A.
5	Alfred Mason,	Bradford and Mary.
9	Grace Eleanor Mahar,	John W. and Mary.
10	William McManus,	William and Annie.
10	Dora Ormand,	John and Ellen.
12	———— Raymond,	John W. and Hattie A.
15	Nellie Murray,	Thomas and Annie.
18	Emma Mary Charlotte Boehm,	Christina and Charlotte.
20	Edward Alphonzo Hogan,	Peter and Margaret.
22	Archie Lyman Chamberlain,	Wesley G. and Fanny M.
24	Lillian Jennie Danforth,	Frank E. and Annette C.
24	Freddie Murphy,	Timothy and Mary.
24	Frank Branagan,	John and Hannah.
26	Minnie Inis Hayes,	Elmer and Almira E.
27	Lillian Ada Maynard.	William C. and Mary.
28	Thomas Corrigan,	Michael and Elizabeth.
30	John Henry Kane,	William H. and Joanna.
30	Walter Heinlein,	Bernard and Louisa.

MAY.

5	Charles Sydney Smith,	Charles A. and Mary E.
5	Ethel Isabelle Frost,	Herbert H. and Minella.
6	Eddie Barnacle,	Michael and Mary.
6	Bridget Foley,	Thomas and Catherine.
8	Leon Leroy Whitehouse,	Daniel F. and Annie.
9	Frederick Linwood Porter,	Charles M. and Martha J.
9	Olive Rockwood Willard,	Robert and Mertie E.
12	Benjamin Milton Hall,	Milton E. and Elizabeth C.
13	Alice McGlone,	Thomas F. and Jane.
14	Margaret Slammin,	Edward and Ann.
14	Arthur D. Hanson,	Samuel E. and Nellie.
17	Susie Viola Hall,	Nathan E. and Lizzie F.
18	Ralph Donald Sutherland,	George M. and Lizzie M.
20	William Schuman,	} Twins, Frank and Emma,
20	Walter Schuman,	
21	Harry Wallace Martin,	Wallace H. and Emma J.
23	Hattie Wade Nason,	Horace F. and Harriet E.
24	William Lester Atwood,	Daniel and L. Abby.
30	Aubry Kimball Allen,	George K. and Alwilda.
31	Gertrude May Wilder,	Augustus J. and Luella G.

JUNE.

5	Orley Lillian Tiffany,	Thomas and Fanny.
6	Mary Alice Bartlett,	Morton V. B. and Lizzie F.
9	Martha Gallagher,	Matthew and Mary.
11	Elsie Manil Woodill,	George E. and Elize M.
12	Augusta Wemick Wignot,	Ernest and Louisa.
13	Rosinha Pond,	} Twins Zachary T. and Luestta M.
13	Charles Parks Pond,	
15	———Wilson, daughter of	John L. and Eleanor.
16	Albert Hancock Carpenter,	Asa and Sarah.
18	Maud Ann Ryan,	Richard B. and Catharine.
19	Martin Francis Boland,	Martin F. and Ann.
22	Lillie Waidner,	William and Lizzie.
25	Philip Redden,	James and Ellen.
27	Mary Gilman Cole,	James E. and Ellen.
27	Charles Benning Hall,	Charles W. and Eliza.
28	Edward Henry Martz,	Ludwick and Minnie.
30	Cora Althea Bryant,	Frank A. and Lizzie.
30	John Russell Harris,	Amos F. and Celia.

JULY.

2	Florence Garfield Munroe,	George B. and Louisa.	
4	Josephine Whalan,	John and Ellie.	
5	Harold Otis Mann,	Samuel W. and Anna M.	
5	Ethel Almira Morse,	Herbert L. and S. Addie.	
6	Hannorah Reagan,	} Twins.	William and Mary.
6	Julia Reagan,		William and Mary.
6	John Mullen,	Thomas and Mary.	
11	William Ernest Colbath,	William H. and Adell F.	
12	Charles Henry Felch,	Oliver A. and Mattie W.	
12	Etta L. O'Brien,	Michael and Mary.	
13	Harry Finley,	Albert P. and Margaret J.	
13	Viola Evangeline Lucey,	Cornelius W. and Margaret T.	
15	Charles Lorimer Robinson,	Charles H. and Lizzie S.	
15	Daisy Caroline Dodge,	William G. and Mary C.	
21	William Francis Finn,	William F. and Hannah.	
24	Ernest Vernon Marsh,	Frank E. and Katie L.	
26	Harriet Louise Trask,	Charles F. and Mary S.	
27	Joanna May Quirk,	Michael and Bridget.	
28	Lura Isabell Mason,	Frank C. and Cora E.	
28	Grace Bartlett Kennedy,	Richard W. and Hattie.	
29	Elizabeth Carey,	Michael and Elizabeth.	

AUGUST.

1	Mabel Louise Dudley,	Royal and Helen R.
2	Flora Myrtle Gray,	Russell H. and Martha O.
5	Bessie Charlotte Forsythe,	Dalney and Alice.
7	John William Quirk,	Patrick and Bridget.
8	Charles William Emerson,	Charles W. and Anna.
8	Maud Estelle Gilligan,	James H. and Katie.
8	Nicholas James Drew,	Nicholas B. and Bridget.
8	Thomas Glenn,	James and Julia.
10	Frank Arthur Bouret,	Napoleon and Leone.
12	Florence Brannigan,	William H. and Julia.
15	George Arthur Pierce,	Charles N. and Susan A.
18	Constance Coveney,	John P. and Bridget.
21	William Summerfield Edwards,	John A. and Anna.
22	Arthur William Hall,	William E. and Mary E.
23	Carleton Orville Dolaff,	Orville and Lizzie A.
26	Frank Kenney,	Andrew and Mary.
27	Catharine Doyle,	William and Mary A.
29	Josetta LaPlante,	Joseph and Catharine.

SEPTEMBER.

2	Lena Mary Pratt,	Luke G. and Julia M.
4	Martha Lovina Whalan,	John B. and Mary.
3	John Henry Casey,	James F. and Ellen.
6	Mary Josephine Quigley,	John and Elizabeth.
8	Mary Monteith,	James and Bridget.
8	Loretta McGrath,	Dennis and Margaret.
9	Bertie Lester Dutton,	Edward E. and Sylvia.
10	Grace Louisa Jameson,	Nelson W. and Harriet A.
13	Beatrice Gile,	Charles W. and Elizabeth.
14	Frederick Edward Bisch,	Frederick H. and Mary J.
16	Christine Edith Copithorne,	John W. and Christina G.
16	Mary Laura Woods,	Charles E. and Catharine G.
18	Clara Bergh,	Ohlan F. and Thea.
20	Fanny Langley Mabel Hawkins,	John E. and Sarah.
26	Harry Albert Mackenzie,	Charles E. and Catharine.
29	Arthur Franklin Haggerty,	William T. and Rosanna

OCTOBER.

5	Frederick McKenney,	George and Ann.
6	Thomas Francis Morris,	Peter and Bridget.
6	Gertrude Louise Garrity.	John and Mary.
7	Joseph Mahan,	Patrick and Julia.
8	Willie Murphy,	Patrick H. and Lizzie.
9	Bessie Roberta Gummerson,	William I. and M. Augusta.
15	Alice Winnifred Burks,	Charles W. and Emma L.
18	Harry Dodge Morrison,	George P. and Mary.
23	Nora Maggie Barrett,	Peter and Phebe.
25	—— Cole, daughter of,	Frank W. and Etta L.
26	Harry Albert McKenzie,	Michael E. and Catharine.
29	—— Mooney,	Frank W. and Fannie C.

NOVEMBER.

2	Thomas Henry Putnam,	Edgar M. and Mary J.
5	Bertha Beatrice Brown,	Stephen C. and Anna B.
6	John Frederick Ritter,	John H. and Sarah.
7	Charlemagne Provincier,	Norbert and Celina.
8	Fred Washburn Simonds,	Silas E. and Alice.
8	Alice Jeanette Downs,	James and Rebecca.
9	Georgianna Brennan,	James and Margaret.
9	Joseph Francis McGrath,	Sarah McGrath.
11	John Burke,	Andrew P. and Mary F.

16	Harry Walter Bangs,	Frederick W. and Annie.
16	John Naphin,	William and Annie.
25	Mamie Reed,	Edward M. and Julia A.
26	Benjamin Franklin Leach,	Michael C. and Anna.
26	Harry Louis Whitney,	Louis M. and Emma K.
27	Edith Lillian Colburn,	John H. and Ella D.
29	Calvin Richards Sheaf,	Joseph P. and Jennie A.

DECEMBER.

1	John Francis Fair,	Martin and Mary.
2	Frank Edward Trobitz,	Edward E. and Augusta.
4	Edmund Lucey,	John H. and Mary.
5	Thomas Francis Kyte,	Edward J. and Bridget.
6	Charlotte Lucretia Cook,	John B. and Clara A.
7	John Powers,	John and Ella.
10	Beulah Proctor Johnson,	Charles W. and Viella M.
14	Hillier, daughter of	William and Ellen L.
17	Grace Crenney,	Dennis E. and Winnifred.
19	Herbert Arthur Hoey,	Matthew and Mary.
28	Gow, daughter of	George E. and Sarah.
28	Blaisdell, daughter of	Oscar W. and Jennie E.
30	Ada Brown,	Hiram J. and Josie S.

Whole number of births recorded:

Males—109. Females—105. Total—214.

Fourteen more than in 1881.

MARRIAGES

RECORDED IN NATICK IN 1882, WITH DATE OF MARRIAGE, NAMES OF
GROOMS AND BRIDES, AND THE NAME AND OFFICIAL STATION OF
THE PERSON PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

1882.

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| January | 1 | Benjamin E. Locke with Edith A. Chamberlin, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick. |
| | 4 | Joseph E. Atwood with Viola A. Bond, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor First Baptist church, Natick. |
| | 6 | John Madden with Catharine Kane, by Rev. J. Gilday, Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick's church, Natick. |
| | 8 | Edward A. Trowbitz with Augusta E. Wachtler, by Rev. S. H. Winkley, Clergyman, Boston. |
| | 10 | Allison A. Vining with Addie F. Clouse, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor First Baptist church, Natick. |
| | 14 | Dalney T. Forsythe with Alice Curran, by Rev. Daniel Dorchester, Pastor Methodist Episcopal church, Natick. |
| | 19 | Charles Rice Seaward with Emma Frances Travis, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick. |
| | 26 | Hugh A. Gilmore with Mary A. Hankard, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick. |
| February | 15 | Thomas E. Ormsby with Violantine Gates, by Rev. S. P. Wilder, North Brookfield. |

- 15 Alfred C. Atwood with Luetta A. Drew, by Rev. Albert Hammatt, Pastor Universalist church, Natick.
- 17 Robert Woolard with Myrtie Rockwood, by Rev. John Hood, Boston.
- 19 William Oakes with Mary Fair, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- March 19 Alger M. Gurney with Annie E. Mars, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor Congregational church, Sherborn.
- 25 Jonathan E. Ross with Lizzie G. Ordway, by George Beard, Justice of the Peace.
- April 4 Frank Eugene McCutchins with Cora Pauline Pease, by Rev. Phineas C. Sloper, Minster, Oxford, Mass.
- 15 Moses Cosset with Georgianna Cadot, by Rev. Albert Hammatt, Pastor Universalist church, Natick.
- 17 James Ryder with Emiline J. Ambler, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- 23 Joseph Gladen with Alice Dupois, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 26 Patrick F. Hallinan with Mary L. Walch, by Rev. Francis S. Wilson, Catholic Priest, East Cambridge.
- 26 Frank A. Porter with Cora L. B. Pearson, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.
- 26 Charles F. Flagg with Lucy A. Eaton, by Rev. O. T. Walker, Pastor Hannel Street church, Boston.
- 26 Andrew J. Hoey with Nellie A. Casey, by Rev. John Walsh, Pastor of St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 20 John Mahoney with Margaret M. Dowd, by Rev. James Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- May 1 John Fitzsimmons with Hannah F. Dwyer, by Rev. Joseph F. Mahan, Pastor St. John's church, Hopkinton.
- 3 James E. Cole with Flora McLeod, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor Congregational church, Sherborn.
- 22 John F. Wyatt with Elizabeth Kirwin, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 23 Cornelius E. Buckley with Joanna A. Whalan, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 26 Charles O. Chickering with Grace H. Clark, by Rev. Charles E. Davis, Pastor M. E. church, Natick.
- June 11 Lewis E. Woods with Cora M. Cram, by Rev. Adin Bal-lou, Minister of the Gospel, Milford.

- 13 William A. Edwards with Mary L. Wiggin, by Rev. O. P. Gifford, Pastor Warren avenue church, Boston.
- 17 Charles A. Porter with Mary Ann DeWitt, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- 18 Henry Eaton with Mira A. Chamberlin, by Rev. Eugene DeNormandie, Pastor Unitarian church, Sherborn.
- 26 Edward L. Lavers with Mary O. Tool, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- July** 12 Frederick Reed with Flora B. Jewell, by Rev. Daniel Dorchester, Minister of the Gospel.
- 12 James Donovan with Maggie Clark, by Rev. James Gilday, Assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 19 Louis C. Locke with Mary A. Pearse, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor Congregational church, Sherborn.
- 25 Edward C. Preston with Jennie F. Drury, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- August** 5 Watson J. Hildreth with Cora J. Daniels, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor First Congregational church, Sherborn.
- 13 Nathan A. Hudson with Charlotte E. Hardy, by Rev. Franklin Hutchinson, Pastor Baptist church, Framingham.
- 21 Thomas B. Keelan with Mary F. Martin, by M. J. Phelan, Priest St. James' Church, Boston.
- 23 Daniel F. Hayes with Lillian M. Clough, by George L. Sleeper, Justice of the Peace.
- 24 John J. Downing with Nellie Quam, by Rev. J. S. Beers, Episcopal Missionary, Natick.
- 29 Edgar C. Maxey with Alice L. Herrington, by Rev. F. S. Harriden, Rector St. Paul's Episcopal church, Natick.
- September** 7 Thomas F. Doharity with Mary Carey, by Rev. John Walsh, Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 23 Fred A. Jennison with Lovina Clough, by George L. Sleeper, Justice of the Peace.
- 24 Thomas F. Flannigan with Maria Barnacle, by Rev. John Walsh, Pastor of St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 30 Charles I. Cummings with Jennie M. Marriner, by Rev. C. E. Davis, Pastor M. E. church, Natick.
- October** 8 Seth R. Delano with Annie E. Barrows, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor Congregational church, Sherborn.

- 15 Thomas J. Sheehan with Mary E. Carey, by Rev. James Gilday, assistant Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
 - 16 Frank W. Mooney with Jennie C. Hayes, by Rev. Calvin Cutter, Auburndale, Mass.
 - 18 Hubert Haynes with Lizzie B. Sutherland, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
 - 25 Granville Colburn with Emma R. Goerke, by Rev. J. P. Sheaf, jr., Pastor Unitarian church, Natick.
 - 27 Leavitt Bates with Catharine A. Manchester, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Pastor Congregational church, Sherborn.
- November
- 1 Frank M. Forbush with Annie L. Mead, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
 - 2 Frederick C. McCutchins with Annie P. Manuel, by Rev. P. C. Sloper, Methodist clergyman, Oxford.
 - 4 Eben A. H. Legg with Emma F. Hargrave, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.
 - 6 William F. Felch with Mary S. Pettingill, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.
 - 11 Alfred F. Chadwick with Elizabeth R. Perry, by Rev. C. E. Davis, Pastor M. E. church, Natick.
 - 20 Willie A. Stearns with Emma J. Rice, by Rev. J. W. Fenn of Spencer.
 - 21 John W. Brennan with Maggie Daley, by Rev. James Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
 - 21 Philip E. McMahan with Annie S. Evans, by Rev. John J. Gillen.
 - 26 Maddie Scott with Elodie Mathews, by Rev. J. Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
 - John Hoey with Mary J. Lucas, by Rev. James Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
 - 28 Frank G. Jeager with Mary Francis Valentine, by Rev. John Le Bosquest South
 - 30 Mathew Branagan with Ann M. Killeen, by Rev. James Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- December
- 2 Henry N. Rockwell with Belle Bacon, by Rev. Charles Humphreys, Rector First Church, Framingham.
 - 3 Alfred Wesley with Mary Ann Moulton, by Rev. Daniel M. Stearns, Pastor Olivet church, Boston.
 - 5 Zebina E. Woodbury with Lizzie L. Woodbury, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.

- 9 William Morton with Sarah E. Smith, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- 10 Charles Crocker with Lila Bennett, by Rev. F. M. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- 24 James Munn, Jr. with Elizabeth Gallagher, by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Pastor First Congregational church, Natick.
- Edward B. Bigelow with Ellen R. Gould, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.
- 25 Harry W. Moulton with Bertha E. Cooper, by Rev. Asa E. Reynolds, Pastor Baptist church, Natick.
- William H. Daniher with Anna Billig, by Rev. John Walsh, Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.
- 31 George W. Schleicher with Nellie D. Casey, by Rev. James Gilday, Asst. Pastor St. Patrick's church, Natick.

Whole number of marriages recorded,	75
Oldest groom, aged,	55
Youngest groom, aged,	19
Oldest bride, aged,	55
Youngest bride, aged,	17

This is 15 less than in 1881; but 14 more than the average during the past ten years.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NATICK, FOR 1882.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.		AGE.		Disease or Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Interment.
			Y	M D			
Jan.	2 Thomas Barker.....		72		Typhoid Dysentery.....	England.....	Framingham.
	5 Abigail Warren.....		66	1	Old Age.....	Maine.....	Enfield, N. H.
	6 Thomas Barnacle.....		25		Pleuritis with Hydrothorax.....	Natick.....	Natick.
	10 Mary Dora Dion.....			11 26	Croup, Congestion of Lungs.....	".....	"
	14 Bertha Wells.....		2	21	Eclampsia.....	Lansingb'g, N. Y.	New York.
	16 Catharine Kennedy.....		33		Shock following protracted labor.....	Ireland.....	Natick.
	16 Nellie R. Gardelle.....		1	4 29	Inanition.....	Natick.....	"
	19 Emma J. Cummings.....		22	6	Consumption.....	Framingham.....	"
	20 Flora E. Whitehouse.....		11	4 20	Diphtheria.....	Dover, N. H.....	"
	21 Linus Bliss.....			9 4	Congestion of Lungs.....	Bingh'mpt'n, N. Y.	"
	23 Dennis McGrath.....		46	4	Hemorrhage of Lungs.....	Ireland.....	"
	25 Isadora G. Ellis.....		21	10 13	Consumption.....	Natick.....	"
	26 Ella Louisa Swenson.....			2 7	Congestion of Lungs.....	".....	"
	27 Samuel Walcott.....		53	1 23	Typhoid Pneumonia.....	Perperell.....	"
	28 Effie Cummings.....		1	2	Marasmus.....	Natick.....	"
	31 Jane Fairbanks.....		90	9 28	Apoplexy.....	Burlington.....	"
	2 Ellen Branigan.....		44		Inflammation of Bowels.....	Ireland.....	"
	5 Margaret O'Connell.....			4	Injury to Head.....	Natick.....	"
	8 Mary L. Gay.....		43	1 8	Embolism.....	Sudbury.....	Sudbury.
	14 Harriet B. Ware.....		1	3 24	Acute Bronchitis.....	Holliston.....	Natick.
Feb.	16 Sarah G. Chamberlin.....		19	7 16	Consumption.....	P. E. Island.....	Wayland.
	18 John H. LaCoste.....		61	10	Pleuro Pneumonia.....	Boston.....	Natick.

Feb.	22	Isabel Hardy.....	19	617	Pulmonary Consumption.....	Natick	Natick.
	27	Sarah B. Wheeler.....	59	8	5 Epithelial Cancer.....	Dover	"
March	1	Dennis Kenney.....	82		General Debility.....	Ireland	"
	6	Garret J. Fitzgerald.....	16	6	Consumption	Natick	"
	7	Thomas Moran.....	110	8	Pharyngitis	"	"
	11	Joseph F. Brennan	1	9	22 Capillary Bronchitis.....	"	"
	11	Ralph H. Doane	7	11	Inflammation of Bowels.....	"	Sherborn.
	12	Emma J. Ryan	2	5	14 Pneumonia	"	Natick.
	16	William Reddon.....	1	3	8 Acute Inflammation of Throat.....	"	"
	16	Charles H. Cole.....	22	7	9 Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	Framingham.....	"
	19	William J. Slamin.....	1	8	11 Membraneous Croup.....	Natick	"
	19	Charles R. Morse.....	31	3	16 Consumption	"	Dover.
	20	Martha F. Colburn	58	10	26 Valvular Disease of Heart.....	Middleboro	Plympton.
	30	Lydia Darling.....	71	5	9 Old Age.....	Natick	Natick.
April	2	Patrick E. Moran.....	6	19	Hemorrhage from Diphtheria.....	Portland, Me....	"
	3	Martha Warren.....	91	7	18 Old Age.....	Ireland	"
	8	John Cowhey.....	70		Fracture of Skull.....	Natick	"
	16	Leroy Kimball.....		18	Inanition.....	"	"
	17	Edward H. Wilson	36	6	Phthisis.....	Ireland	"
	18	Catharine Keeting.....	30		Pneumonia	New York, N. Y.	"
	19	Mary A. Griffin.....	31	3	24 Phthisis	Ireland.....	"
	21	Catharine Lawton.....	25	3	Phthisis	"	"
	28	John Corkery	55		Disease of Liver.....	Natick	"
	30	Elizabeth Coonihan.....	7	27	Diphtheria	Boston	"
May	2	Annie Belle Shattuck.....	17	7	21 Tubercular Consumption.....	Ireland	"
	2	James T. Brady.....	44		Injury to Spine.....	Natick	"
	3	George H. Mann.....		8	13 Diphtheria	Sherborn	Sherborn.
	10	Moses Stratton	81	2	4 Heart Disease.....	England	Cambridge.
	11	Phebe Stanley	52		Consumption		

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Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	AGE.		Disease or Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Interment.
		Y	M D			
May	12 Lillie May Cuniff.....	2	9 12	Diphtheria	Natick	Natick.
	13 Annie Kearns.....	22	3 10	Marasmus	"	"
	16 Willie E. Felch.....	17	6 23	Septicaemia	Framing'tn, N. H.	"
	20 Nellie Belcher.....	5	9 21	Phthisis.....	Lowell	"
	21 Harry W. Coolidge.....	6	16	Diphtheria	Natick	"
	23 William J. Buckley.....	4	5 4	Malig. Diphtheria.....	Boston.....	"
	23 Elizabeth Fair.....	7	6 1	Diphtheria	Natick	"
	23 Minnie M. Horsford.....	4	6 1	Diphtheretic Tonsilitis	Bell's Falls, Vt.	Decalt, N. Y.
	24 J. Freddie Hoey	2	8 7	Diphtheria	Natick	Natick.
	25 John Fair.....	74	4 6	Diphtheria	"	"
June	26 Mary Ann Fair	67	4 7	Diphtheria	"	"
	21 William R. Hudson.....	70	4 8	Intermittent Fever	Warwick, R. I.	"
	21 Henry H. Drury	50	4 8	Paralysis	Natick	"
July	25 Edward T. Whalan.....	70	4 23	Water on Brain	"	"
	2 Harriet C. Putnam.....	50	8 4	Paralysis	Norton	Holliston.
	2 Abbie L. M. Bates	82	4 18	Acute Tuberculosis.....	Framingham ..	Natick.
	4 Aaron Davis.....	3	10 8	Chronic Diarrhoea.....	Methuen	"
	6 Edward Henry Martz.....	5	4 3	Thrush	Natick	"
	6 Alfred Leske Ricker.....	48	9 28	Diphtheria	Wayland	"
	7 Mabel G. Mahard.....	68	9 28	Diphtheria	Natick	"
	8 John Meehan.....	68	9 28	Heart Disease.....	Ireland	"
	9 Sophia B. Robinson	68	9 28	Heart Disease	Acton	"

July	9	Annie McManus	2	1	17	Diphtheria	Natick	Natick.
	11	Lucy L. Wilson	76			Old Age	Needham	Needham.
	11	Warren J. Greeley	40	4	19	Inanition	New Bedford ..	Natick.
	12	Annie Hanna	4	7		Inanition	Natick	"
	13	Willard Drury	76	2	25	Cystitis	"	"
	15	Harriet S. Merchant	77	10		Old Age	Milton, Eng.	"
	22	Mary O'Brien	36			Phthisis Pulmonalis	Ireland	"
	22	William J. Barnacle	2	6	3	Diphtheria	Natick	"
	21	Maggie S. McGregor	22	4		Phthisis Pulmonalis	P. E. Island	"
	27	Mary Clark	48	11	27	Tumors on Liver and Dropsy	Ireland	"
	28	Elizabeth Grieve	4	4		Diphtheria	Natick	"
	30	Otis H. Moulton	57	11	6	Bright's Disease	Sandwich, N. H. ..	"
Aug.	3	Annie Cassidy	2	2	10	Convulsions	Natick	"
	5	Betsey F. Smith	51	1	3	Cancer	"	"
	5	Catharine C. Bacon	67	5	10	Disease of Heart	Wayland	"
	8	Margaret McManus	75			Old Age	Ireland	"
	9	Martha Gallagher		2		Infantile Convulsions	Natick	"
	9	Lucinda Kempt	60		7	Dropsy	Antrim, N. H.	"
	10	William O'Neal	30	9	10	Chronic Catarrhal Pneumonia	Ireland	"
	10	Anna Kline	61	5		Dysentery and Heart Disease	Germany	"
	14	Etta L. O'Brien		1	2	Inanition	Natick	"
	14	Hannah Flynn	36	3	29	Typhoid Fever	Ireland	"
	17	Lydia T. Carlton	82	4	8	Old Age	Boston	"
	17	Hannora Ragan		1	11	Cholera Infantum	Natick	"
	18	James W. Hill		4	20	Cholera Infantum	Boston	Dover.
	19	Nellie Frances Ferneaux		8	3	Cholera Infantum	Natick	Natick.
	22	Walter Heinlein		3	22	Injury to Brain from fall	"	"
	23	Charles O. Goodnow	71	5	23	Old Age	Framingham	"
	26	Julia Ragan	1	8		Enterocolitis	Natick	"

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NATICK FOR 1882.—Continued.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Interment.
		Y	M	D			
Aug. 27	Harrison Harwood.....	67	10		Interstitial Nephritis	North Brookfield	Natick,
26	Mary Doyle.....	1	8		Unknown	Natick	"
29	Ellen Whalan.....	53		17	Diarrhoea	Ireland	"
31	Alice McGlone.....		3		Cholera Infantum	Natick	"
Sept. 1	William Murray.....	84			Old Age	Ireland	"
1	Joseph H. Dagg.....	3		8	Diphtheria	Natick.....	"
2	Nicholas J. Drew.....			25	Entro Colitis	"	"
7	William Lucey.....	3		2	Injury to Spine	"	"
9	Francis E. Gay.....	1		2	Hydrocephalus.....	"	"
9	Frank Gavin.....			6	Diarrhoea	"	"
15	John Gilson.....	4		10	Diphtheria	"	"
16	Ethel H. Walcott.....	11		7	Diphtheria	"	"
17	Irena W. Nickerson.....	7			Diphtheria	So. Harwick....	So. Harwick.
18	Herbert E. Cozzens.....	2		3	Diphtheria	Natick.....	Natick.
19	James Dolan.....	29			Consumption	Ireland.....	"
20	Carl Eugene Colburn.....	5		10	Diphtheria	Natick.....	"
23	Alice Nichols.....	8		4	Diphtheria	"	"
23	Bessie May Nutt.....	5		11	Diphtheria	"	"
25	Frank W. Cosgrove.....	6		3	Diphtheria	"	"
25	Edward P. Travis, 2d.....	1		2	Acute Menegitis	"	"
26	Nathan F. Rice.....	36		9	Pleuro Pneumonia.....	"	"
26	Angie E. Nickerson.....	5		6	Diphtheria	So. Harwick....	So. Harwick.

Sept.	28	Katie L. Slamin.	26	Epilepsy	Ireland.	Natick.
	29	Murray L. Underwood	5	7 Scarlet Fever	Natick.	"
	30	George H. Cooper	1	9 10 Meningitis	Ashland.	Ashland.
	30	Cora B. McLain.	10 10	Diphtheria	Natick.	Natick.
Oct.	1	Daniel J. Moynihan	26	6 29 Peritonitis	"	"
	1	Michael H. Flynn	20 11	23 Phthisis Pulmonalis	Lowell.	Lowell.
	2	David H. Woodsun	6	6 Intestinal Catarrh	Natick.	Natick.
	5	Irene E. Goulding	7 14	Diarrhoea and Vomiting	"	Sherborn.
	5	Archie L. Chamberlain	5 13	General Debility	"	Natick.
	5	Grace Crosby Hoyt	6	Diphtheria	"	Framingham.
	9	Josie I. Hayes	2 10	25 Diphtheria	"	Natick.
	10	Grace McCracken	6	6 Croup	"	"
	10	Mary McGrath	1 10	Diphtheria	"	"
	11	Albion S. Randall	1	8 Diphtheria	"	"
	12	Alwilda Allen	32	1 20 Consumption of Bowels	Nova Scotia.	"
	13	Mattie L. Wright	12	6 Shock from Injury	Natick.	"
	14	Grace Louisa Jameson	1	4 Inanition	"	"
	18	Margaret Sullivan	52	Softening of Brain	Ireland.	"
	19	Abbie Hickox	36 11	21 Dysentery	Natick.	"
	19	Unknown man		Shock from Rail Road Injury	"	"
	20	Charles S. Smith	5 15	Scarlatina	"	"
	21	Maud L. Moore	2 11	12 Diphtheria	"	"
	21	Frank McGill	1	2 14 Phthisis Pulmonalis	"	"
	21	Viola A. Lucey	3	9 Marasmus	"	"
	23	Ann J. Huntress	65	4 Heart Disease	Wales	"
	26	John F. Gibbons	1	9 13 Membraneous Croup	Natick.	"
	27	Hannah B. Fuller	86	6 10 Old Age	Needham.	Needham.
Nov.	2	Eliza L. Hayes	5	2 Diphtheria	Natick.	Natick.
	2	Willie Holland	2	9 18 Diphtheria	"	"

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NATICK, FOR 1882.—Continued.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.	Place of Interment.
		Y	M	D			
4	Mabel J. Pratt.....	4	5		Malignant Diphtheria.....	"	Natick.
6	Malachi Babcock.....	79	10		Heart Disease.....	Sherborn.....	"
8	Nellie Fleming.....	2	5	3	Diphtheria.....	Natick.....	"
10	Thomas Williams.....	53			Gastritis.....	Ireland.....	"
12	Nellie May Davis.....	22	7	3	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	Natick.....	"
15	John Pond.....	62	2	5	Paralysis.....	Watertown.....	Wayland.
20	Nancy Black.....	80			Apoplexy.....	Natick.....	Natick.
24	Minnie Reed.....			1	Cyanosis.....	"	"
27	Josie Washburn.....	11			Diphtheria.....	"	Newton.
25	George W. Mortimer.....	9	3	8	Septicæmia.....	"	Natick.
28	Ethel B. Torrey.....	5	6	24	Scarlet Fever.....	"	"
Dec. 1	Cornelius Donovan.....	82			Old Age.....	Ireland.....	"
2	Mary Shambau.....	2	6	1	Diphtheria.....	Natick.....	"
5	Joseph E. Wignot.....	4	4	17	Diphtheria.....	"	"
9	Lottie G. Rogers.....	7	4	3	Croup.....	"	Orleans.
9	Fanny Hawkins.....	4	7	2	Accidental Burning of Clothing..	"	Natick.
10	Katie McGrath.....	25	8		Consumption.....	"	"
12	Nellie M. Cobb.....	23		23	Puerperal Fever.....	Newton.....	"
14	Patrick F. Buckley.....	29	8	26	Consumption.....	Ireland.....	Framingham.
15	Emma A. Trobitz.....	21	6	7	Puerperal Fever.....	Germany.....	Natick.
15	Thomas E. Donlon.....	2	11	5	Abscess of Brain.....	Natick.....	"
16	George F. Lloyd.....	1	17	17	Scarlet Fever.....	Framingham.....	Framingham.

19	Dennis Donovan	24	Erysipelas	Ireland	Natick.
24	Hollis Randall	4	Diphtheria	Natick	"
26	John W. Warner	71	Pneumonia	Hanover, N. H.	"

Whole number of deaths returned during the year, one hundred and ninety-one. Males, 90; females, 101. This is an increase in the deaths over 1881 of 25 per cent., and an increase over 1876 of 55 per cent., and an increase over the average of the past ten years of a fraction over 33 per cent., and the largest number ever deceased in any one year since the town was incorporated. Nineteen per cent. of the deaths in 1882, happened to children under one year old, including still-births. Twenty-one lived beyond their threescore-and-ten years, the oldest person, Martha Warren, having attained the age of 91 years, 7 months, 18 days. Jane Fairbanks, the next oldest person deceased, was aged 90 years, 9 months and 28 days. There were eight others deceased aged 80 years and upwards.

Licenses.

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1882, 336; for which I received and paid over to Amos Stone, Esq., county treasurer, after deducting my fees, seven hundred and eight dollars and sixty cents.

BILLIARDS.

Three licenses were granted to keep billiard tables for hire, gain and amusement.

POOL.

One license was granted to keep a pool table for hire, gain and amusement.

LIQUORS.

Ffteen licences authorizing the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors have been granted.

I hold fourteen dollars of money received for billiard licenses, which the Treasurer could not receive without altering his footings; which will be handed to the next Treasurer elected.

All of which is respectfully bsumitted for your approval and acceptance.

GEORGE SLEEPER, *Town Clerk.*

To the voters of Natick.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

—OF THE—

MORSE INSTITUTE.

*The Trustees of the Morse Institute respectfully submit
their Annual Report: •*

Since our last annual report, the Trustees have met with a great loss in the death of Capt. Willard Drury, who for almost twenty years has been a very efficient member of our Board, and a faithful and zealous friend of the Institute. His strict integrity and admirable firmness of character, made him very useful during the somewhat difficult emergencies through which we have passed, and the surviving members of the Board feel deeply the value and importance of his steadfast aid in the matter of organizing the library, for the use of the citizens of the town. Capt. Drury held, during the course of his long and useful life, many offices of trust, in all of which he exhibited the same firmness and fidelity which has characterized him in relation to the library.

We respectfully refer to the report of the librarian herewith transmitted, of the condition of the library,

and we commend it to the attention of our fellow-citizens as a full and exhaustive statement of the details of the library.

We regret exceedingly that Mr. Wight feels obliged, by reason of his advanced years and the condition of his health, to resign his trust at the end of the current year, and we wish to put on record our sense of the valuable services he has rendered to the library during the time he has had it in charge. His untiring industry and patient attention to the numerous details of a public library have made him exceedingly useful as a librarian, and it will be very difficult to supply his place.

We have, during the past year, published a very complete and valuable catalogue of the books in the library, prepared by Miss Lucy E. Wight, the daughter of our librarian. This work has been admirably done by Miss Wight, and it will be found to contain, not only the names of the books, but also a large amount of information as to the classes of books, and the various topics of which they treat. We commend this work to the citizens of the town, who are anxious to know what the library contains, or who may be seeking information upon any special subject of inquiry.

By the fidelity and good management of our late Treasurer, Capt. Drury, we are enabled to report that the amount of funds in our hands remains unchanged, except that the expense of printing and publishing the new catalogue has diminished somewhat the balance remaining on hand.

We are enabled, nevertheless, to report an unexpended balance of about twelve thousand three hundred dollars. We append hereto a detailed statement of the Treasurer to the Trustees.

Natick, March 1, 1883.

JOHN W. BACON,	} <i>Trustees.</i>
JOHN O. WILSON,	
E. P. HOLLIS,	
JAMES McMANUS.	

TREASURER'S STATEMENT WITH MORSE INSTITUTE.

1882

To Interest on Notes.....	\$492 60
Oct. 16. " Natick 5 cent Savings Bank.....	619 04
Feb. 14. " Catalogue money.....	73 10
" " Cash from Fines.....	29 35
	<hr/>
	\$1,214 09

1882

Nov. 15. By Estate of W. Drury.....	\$ 92 47
" Lucy E. Wight.....	62 10
" J. E. Farwell, catalogue.....	848 67
" Lee & Shepard.....	94 76
" Conant & Newhall.....	12 50
" J. D. F. Brooks.....	53 25
" J. W. Bacon, book.....	2 00
" Lockwood, Brooks & Co.....	6 09
" Natick Water Board.....	5 70
" Hollins & Co.....	3 75
" W. Drummond.....	5 00
" Bills paid, repairing.....	7 70
" Cash on hand.....	20 10
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	\$1,214 09

J. O. WILSON, Treasurer.

Librarian's Report.

"To the Trustees of the Morse Institute :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my eighth and last annual report, it being for the year ending January 31, 1883.

The great event of the year has been the completion of our new catalogue. It was commenced April, 1881, was ready for the press April, 1882, and the completed work was received from the publishers, J. E. Farwell & Co., Boston, September 16, 1882. If, as has been said, "our public libraries are second only to our public schools, as educators," then, next to having a public library, is to know what that library contains; for there is much truth in the saying, that "he who knows where knowledge is, is next to him who has it."

The catalogue is a volume of 468 octavo pages, and by it the value of the library must be greatly increased, though the supplementary aid of the attendants is still often needed to direct inquirers more exactly where to find desired information. Here is a responsibility seldom fully met, and where the present incumbents wish they could have better served the public.

The catalogue can be in the home, where parents and teachers may examine it at their leisure, and thus better assist those under their care to a wiser choice. This matter of careful selection, especially for the young, has not yet received a tithe of the attention the subject demands. The book chosen must be adapted to the age, capacity, and other circumstances of the reader, to be in the highest degree useful. We have endeavored further to aid our

patrons in this respect, by a variety of careful selections of a few pleasant and useful books, for different classes of readers, not forgetting our very youngest visitors. These lists have, during the past year, been put under glass upon our catalogue table. This kind of aid might be extended indefinitely.

THE CONDITION

and further progress of the library for the past year may be seen from a statement of the leading items of interest, as exhibited below.

THE ACCESSIONS

have been substantially as follows: By purchase, 49 volumes, costing \$70.03; by binding, 63 volumes, costing \$20.30; by donations, 64 volumes and 44 pamphlets; making the total additions to the library 176 volumes and 44 pamphlets. (See appendix for volumes donated.) The amount paid for seventeen periodicals was \$62.25. These are generally bound and put into the circulation twice a year. The proprietors of our two local papers have continued to furnish the Institute with their weekly issues, free of charge, for which we here make grateful acknowledgement, and these are also bound for reference, usually two volumes in one. The Patent Office Gazette, a weekly full of illustrated patents, has also been continued, gratis, the past year, and is now at the bindery. One volume of the Boston Daily Advertiser has also been bound and placed for reference. This volume, being from July 1 to December 31, 1881, is of special interest as covering the entire period of the assassination, lingering sickness and death of the late lamented President, James A. Garfield. Our town reports, including in two volumes every year except 1856 since 1850, are also at the bindery.

Two hundred and twenty-seven volumes of worn library books have been rebound at the cost of \$35.55, making the total amount paid for new books, periodicals and binding, \$188.13. Of the 176 volumes added to the library, 9 have been put into the reference room, 112 into the circulation, and the remaining 55 among the public documents, or those for private reference. Among the above, a considerable number of periodicals and pamphlets, for some years on hand, have been bound, and several volumes have been taken from other departments and put into the circulation, thus modifying the different divisions. Only one volume was un-

accounted for during the year, and two accidentally destroyed "by the dog," were at once reported, and honorably paid for. During the last eight years, only seven volumes, mostly juvenile, have been lost, unaccounted for.

Allowing for the above additions and modifications, the several departments of the library may be represented as follows :

In the circulating department, - - - 8,811 volumes.

In the reference department, - - - 636 "

In the public document department, - 2,545 "

In the miscellaneous department, - - 143 "

Total number of bound volumes, 12,135

In addition to the above volumes, we have 234 unbound periodicals, old and new, and 932 pamphlets.

OUR PATRONS.

The number of new cards issued by certificate the past year has been 231. The whole number issued from the opening of the Institute is 4,592. From this number, 477 have been retained with fines still unpaid, a decrease of 26 during the year; 400 others have been left by reason of death, or removal from town, a decrease of 12, showing a return of former citizens; and 15 remain forfeited for a time, by reason of improper usage; leaving 3,700 available for present use, a net increase of 267 over last year.

THE CIRCULATION.

The library has been opened for the delivery of books as usual, four afternoons and two evenings each week, excepting four weeks in August and five holidays, viz. : Washington's birth-day, Fast-day, our Mechanics' fair, Thanksgiving and Christmas days, leaving 188 days for delivery.

The number of volumes loaned was 27,648. The highest number loaned in one month was 3,335, in March; the lowest 1,552, in September; the highest week 875, the lowest 314; the highest day 523, the lowest 19; and the average library day, 147.

CLASSIFICATION.

The following table exhibits approximately the total number of volumes, in the circulation of each class specified, the number of volumes loaned from those classes, the percentage of each and the

number of times on the average each class has been loaned. It also compares the first and last two items with the year 1875-6, the first year of my service :

CLASSES-	TOTAL NO. VOLS.	LOANED.	PER CT.	TIMES.	TOTAL 1875-6.	PER CT. DO.	TIMES DO.
Fiction	2,436	11,617	46.50	4.77	1,914	55.30	5.33
Juvenile	869	6,771	27.13	7.79	590	27.45	8.59
Fiction and Juvenile	3,305	18,388	73.63	5.56	2,504	82.75	6.10
History	1,703	1,632	6.54	.96	1,039	4.72	.84
Periodicals	392	1,256	5.04	3.20			
Travels	545	1,231	4.93	2.26	325	4.31	2.45
Miscellaneous	1,401	1,195	4.80	.85	1,074	4.21	.72
Science	788	713	2.86	.90	388	2.87	1.37
Poetry	298	212	1.25	.73	197	1.14	1.06
Religious	209	149	.60	.71	Not		
Agricultural	170	87	.35	.51	classified.		
Totals	8,811	24,963	100.00	2.84	5,527	100.00	3.34

By examination of the above table, it may be seen that the percentage of fiction has diminished 8.8 per cent. in seven years—a movement in the right direction. The percentage of history has also improved, while the other classes specified have not materially changed. It should be mentioned that fined books and those renewed are not included in the above percentage. It is interesting to notice how much our juvenile works are read—nearly eight times over, yearly. Fiction, periodicals and travels stand next in order.

FINES AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

The amount collected on 1,135 fined books was \$81.99; for damage to books, including two volumes paid for, \$2.46; waste-paper sold, \$1.97, making a total of \$86.42.

The incidental expenses paid from the above have been as follows: For postage, \$8.95; express, \$11.38; stationery, \$7.37; furniture, \$7.53; cleaning the library, \$7.87; extra library assistance, \$8.75; miscellaneous, \$5.22—total, \$57.07. December 18, 1882, paid J. O. Wilson, treasurer, \$12; February 14, 1883, paid balance, \$17.35, making a total of \$86.42.

Seven thousand one hundred and twenty-two volumes were covered the past year, and other thousands slightly repaired, by my faithful assistant, Miss Carrie L. Morse. As each book loaned is out on the average about one week, and is loaned nearly four times before needing a new cover, a month's constant usage is doing very

well. Were it not for a few exceptions, this average would be far better. In other respects, the usage in general is excellent, there having been great improvement in avoiding pencillings and the turning down of leaves.

SALE OF CATALOGUES.

Previous to the completion of our new catalogue in September, we had sold supplements to the amount of 95 cents. Since receiving the new work, we have sold 22 volumes in cloth at \$1.50 per copy—\$33, and 39 volumes at \$1 each—\$39. Also, three supplements, 15 cents, making a total of \$73.10. Under the direction of the Trustees, the librarian has sent 16 copies in cloth and 2 in paper, mostly to other libraries, including those especially from which we have received the like favor.

READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS.

The reading-room, being less frequented than before the opening of the rooms below, continues more quiet, and is therefore a most delightful place for those having a leisure hour at command. A single article in some review is often of more value than a whole volume. Many persons, not having time to read large works, can in this way often secure the cream of a subject in an hour. Some of the most valuable of our present literature will be found condensed in such articles.

But our reference-room continues the charm of the library. This is visited by increasing numbers for reference, and especially by many of the youth in our public schools. Certainly, some of our teachers are to be commended for the interest they take in giving to their pupils subjects for investigation. Not infrequently is the room nearly filled with these pupils, eagerly seeking information on the specific subjects. Now, it is all about Longfellow, or Emerson, or Peter the Great; again, it is about some country, or the squirrel, or the chestnut tree, or some other useful topic. Such studies are of the greatest practical utility, not only in the information thus secured, and the habit of expressing it on paper, but in acquainting the young with the sources of knowledge, to which they can resort in future years.

These rooms are now open freely every week day from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., and also from 7 to 9, Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

The desks and tables in the reading-rooms below are supplied with the following :

DAILIES—The Boston Advertiser, Journal, Herald, Post and Globe; the New York Tribune, Times and Herald; the Springfield Republican, the Chicago Tribune and the London Telegraph.

WEEKLIES—The Watchman, Zion's Herald, Congregationalist, Christian Leader, Youth's Companion, Harper's Weekly and Bazar, Woman's Journal, Alta-Californian, the Nation, Our Continent, Natick Bulletin and Natick Citizen.

FORTNIGHTLY—The Literary World,

MONTHLY—The Century, Harper's New Monthly, Wide-Awake and St. Nicholas.

Besides the above, are various miscellaneous papers, more or less irregular.

Mr. Leland, the superintendent of these rooms, says, "they have been visited much as last year, though with an increased number of adult citizens. The order and quiet of the rooms, with very few exceptions, have been commendable."

The reading-room above has been furnished with the same periodicals as last year, except Appleton's Journal, which has ceased to be published.

By the ingenuity of our janitor in placing screens and other conveniencies around our stove, the comfort and safety of the librarians have been considerably increased. The same skill has effected several other improvements.

We are again called to feel the loss of another member of your Board, in the death of Capt. Willard Drury. Few are aware how much interest he felt in the welfare of the Institute, or how much he did, during his near twenty years service, to secure for it so broad a foundation. But I leave to his colleagues to speak more fully of his worth.

In taking my leave of the library, and of you, gentlemen, under whom I have now served nearly eight years, I may be allowed to express my sincere thanks for your uniform kindness and support, and also to testify to your fidelity in the important trust, so long committed to your charge. I may also add that Miss Morse, the founder of this Institute, was a pleasant pupil of the writer, and that he has felt a peculiar pleasure in being permitted so long to aid, however feebly, in carrying on her munificent bequest. Surely, all well-wishers of the town will unite in responding to the desire that it may be preserved, an increasing good for the ages to come.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL WIGHT, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX.

List of volumes and Pamphlets donated [the last year, viz:

The Town Clerk, Natick,	22 vols.	0 pam.
Daniel Dorchester, D. D.,	14 "	9 "
Am. Swedenborg Publishing Society, Pa.,	12 "	0 "
Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.,	6 "	2 "
Secretary of State, Massachusetts,	5 "	0 "
Rev. F. N. Peloubet,	2 "	0 "
Washington, D. C.,	1 "	3 "
J. O. Wilson, Natick,	1 "	0 "
Librarian,	1 "	0 "
Boston Public Library,	0 "	4 "
London,	0 "	4 "
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.,	0 "	4 "
J. W. Candler, rep.,	0 "	4 "
Lancaster,	0 "	2 "
Andover,	0 "	1 "
Buffalo, N. Y.,	0 "	1 "
Newton,	0 "	1 "
Peabody,	0 "	1 "
Philadelphia,	0 "	1 "
Sudbury,	0 "	1 "
Woburn,	0 "	1 "
Worcester,	0 "	1 "
J. B. Fairbanks, Natick,	0 "	1 "
J. B. Mann, Washington, D. C.,	0 "	1 "
Sec. Mass. Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children,	0 "	1 "
Society of Friends,	0 "	1 "
Total,	64	44

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NATICK, MASS.

NATICK, MASS.:
BULLETIN STEAM JOB PRINT
1883

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Water Commissioners respectfully submit this their ninth annual report to the citizens of Natick. The Board organized by the election of Calvin H. Perry as president and Edward Clark as secretary. James W. Morse was appointed superintendent.

The reports of the treasurer and superintendent furnish all necessary information in regard to the receipts, expenditures and condition of the works, and we respectfully invite you to peruse their reports.

WATER RATES.

The citizens of the town must remember that we are in debt to a large amount for the works, and that the engine and boiler are fast wearing out, and the town will have sooner or later to go to a large expense in getting new ones; so the water rates, for all purposes, ought not to be reduced below the present rates.

WASTE OF WATER.

We call attention of all water-takers to the fact that our supply is known as "high service," and that it costs something to pump every gallon into the reservoir, and every gallon wasted is therefore so much actual loss to the town.

SINKING FUND.

Your attention we call to the law of 1875, requiring towns and cities to establish from year to year an amount sufficient, with accumulation of interest, to extinguish the debt within the time prescribed by said act. The town have established a sinking fund, but take so much from the income of water rates for extending the main pipes, that the amount left is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the law of 1875.

PURITY OF WATER.

Once more we call your attention to the fact that we deem it of the utmost importance that the purity of our water should be maintained from all adulteration from whatever causes, and hope all citizens will report any causes which would prove injurious to the cleanliness and purity of the water.

WHOLE EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Amount of bills paid to February, 1875,	\$104,936 98
“ “ “ from Feb. 1, 1875, to Feb. 1, 1876,	34,728 79
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1876, “ “ 1877,	9,615 12
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1877, to Mar. 1, 1878,	42,122 30
“ “ “ “ “ Mar. “ 1878, “ “ 1879,	17,977 29
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1879, “ “ 1880,	5,248 35
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1880, “ “ 1881,	5,246 66
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1881, “ “ 1882,	7,023 03
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1882, “ “ 1883,	6,750 72

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH, 1883, FOR WATER
BONDS SOLD.

First sale, due October, 1884, at 7 per cent,	\$110,000 00
Second “ “ Sept. 1885, “ 6 “	20,000 00
Third “ “ April, 1887, “ 5 “	20,000 00
Fourth “ “ October, 1887, “ 5 “	15,000 00
Fifth, “ “ August, 1883, “ 5 “	6,000 00
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	\$171,000 00

CALVIN H. PERRY, } *Water*
E. CLARK, } *Commissioners.*

EDWARD CLARK, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF NATICK.

WATER WORKS ACCOUNT.

1883.	DR.	
March 1.	To cash received from J. W. Morse, Superintendent, for the year ending this date,	\$13,500 84
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	By sundry orders paid drawn by Commissioners,	\$6,750 72
	By balance to Sinking Fund account,	6,750 12
		<hr/>
		\$13,500 84

SINKING FUND COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF NATICK.

1882.		
March 1.	To balance, as per last report,	\$21,143 21
1883.		
March 1.	To interest received,	1,057 16
	To balance from Water Commissioners for the	
	year ending this date,	6,750 12
		<hr/>
		\$28,950.49

E. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

Superintendent's Report.

To the Water Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN :—I hereby respectfully submit the ninth annual report of the Natick Water Works, such as comes under my care, with a general statement and condition of the works.

It is with pleasure as we examine the result of the year and find a steady progress is being made towards a self-sustaining department. And I trust that all water-takers will take such an interest that the above result may be obtained. The gain in the rates for the past year has been \$626.50, with a prospect of more this year. And with the renewal of the first series of bonds in 1884 at a low rate of interest, we can look forward to a self-sustaining department within two years.

PUMPING STATION.

This has needed more attention this year than usual, as time begins to tell on the pumps and boilers, which have been repaired at an expense of \$350. This year, there are other repairs that are needed and should not be delayed any longer. It is the opinion of many that there should be another boiler placed there this season, so as to guard against any accident that may occur.

MAIN PIPES, GATES AND HYDRANTS.

This part of the works has not caused much trouble the past year, except one short street where there has been more leaks than

on the whole works. It was caused by a careless joint-maker. A large number of gate boxes will have to be replaced this year, as many are of wood, and are decayed, and should be replaced with iron ones; otherwise the above are in good order, as far as can be seen. There have been 1168 feet of 4-inch pipe laid, also 276 feet of 6-inch pipe, as follows: 300 feet on Vale street, 536 feet 8 inches on Morse street, 331 feet 6 inches on Chester street, 246 feet on Eliot street; three gates and one hydrant. Also a two-inch main on Bellevue street of 373 feet; also a one-inch main in Court between C. Child's and G. Nute's house. The above includes all the main pipe laid this year. The above, with the service-pipe, has caused the construction account to increase \$1,591.94 for the past year.

RESERVOIR.

This has been filled to the height of fifteen feet many times the past year, and shows no signs of weakness. There is one source of trouble that should be remedied, that is the growth of weeds on the bottom—which is very filthy—and has got rooted so that it grows very heavily and quickly, when the water is warm, and causes it to taste. This can be overcome by cementing the bottom, which would save the expense in a few years, as it takes about three days to clean it, with a number of men, which could be done in as many hours if the above suggestion was carried out; also the risk of pumping direct, which, if an accident should occur, might cause a good deal of trouble.

SERVICE PIPE.

There have been forty-one services applied for, which have been laid and water turned on to all but one, and have increased the rates to the sum of \$381 per year. This makes the number of service laid 884, of which 22 are shut off on account of vacant premises and other causes. There are about 100 service boxes that will have to be changed this year for iron ones, as the wood ones are all decayed. The following statement will show you what each part has cost, without deducting stock on hand as in previous report; also the increase from year to year, and the cost of water per million gallons, in reservoir, with the record of the pump and amount of water pumped each year.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report for the year ending March 1, 1883, is as follows :

RUNNING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Pumping station.....	\$2,009 89	
Outside of pumping station.....	1,524 70	
General repairs	648 15	
	<hr/>	\$4,182 74

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Main pipe, gates and hydrants.....	\$1,280 48	
Pumping station.....	4 80	
Reservoirs.....	19 47	
Service pipe and meters.....	1,263 24	
	<hr/>	2,567 99

CR.

By cash received for service and meters.....	976 05	
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Increase of construction account for the year.....	\$1,591 94	
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Cash received for water rates for the year.....	\$11,925 22	
“ “ services, labor and meters.....	909 05	
“ “ summons and fines.....	67 00	
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Total collection for 1882.....	\$12,901 27	

TABLE 1.

Showing increase of water rates for the past eight years has been as follows :

1875, amount collected.....	\$3,002 44
1876, “ “	5,594 63
1877, “ “	6,692 12
1878, “ “	9,037 83
1879, “ “	10,113 02
1880, “ “	11,069 29
1881, “ “	11,298 72
1882, “ “	11,925 22

TABLE 2.

Showing number of gallons pumped each year.

YEARS.	NO. GALLONS.
1875.....	67,753,850
1876.....	62,344,060
1877.....	66,048,177
1878.....	92,991,203
1879.....	92,142,036
1880.....	79,649,160
1881.....	73,482,400
1882.....	90,189,726

Daily average, 247,095 gallons for the year 1882.

ENGINE RECORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1883.

MONTH.	Total Pumping time per month.	H. M.	Wood used in Starting Fires.	COAL CONSUMED.			Total Number of Gallons Pumped per month.	GALLONS.	GALLONS raised 198 feet per lb. of Coal used per month.	Pounds of Waste.	GALLONS of Oil.	Pounds of Coal used in stove.
				Starting and Banking Fires.	Pumping.	Total Amt't of Coal used per month						
			LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	STROKES.	GALLONS.		LBS.	GAL.	LBS.
February.....	114	45	500	7,375	15,475	22,850	442,140	6,853,170	444	2	4	775
March.....	118	20	600	6,700	15,700	22,400	454,348	7,042,394	449 3-4	3	5	775
April.....	136	25	600	9,425	18,167	27,592	516,764	8,006,842	441 4-7	2	5	50
May.....	97	40	500	6,675	12,225	18,900	348,360	5,390,580	442 1-9	2	3	.....
June.....	131	55	600	9,552	17,300	26,852	485,660	7,682,730	445 7-17	2	5	.....
July.....	158	55	500	10,075	20,975	31,050	604,248	9,363,844	448 7-16	2	5	.....
August.....	185	55	625	11,975	24,925	36,900	713,638	11,062,164	443 1-19	8	6	.....
September.....	168	5	925	7,875	22,350	30,228	600,280	9,304,340	426 1-7	2	2	.....
October.....	102	30	500	5,225	13,550	18,775	330,152	6,047,356	448 4-5	2	3	.....
November.....	93	45	500	6,650	12,375	19,025	351,292	5,445,026	442 1-2	2	4	900
December.....	127	30	1,325	2,200	17,000	26,200	481,668	7,465,854	444 11-13	2	4	2,275
January.....	111	30	1,075	8,825	14,775	23,600	420,092	6,511,426	443 1-3	2	5	1,850
Total and average.....	1541	15	8,250	99,552	204,817	304,372	5,818,692	90,189,726	443 1-6	26	55	6,625

Duty for the year ending January 31, 1883, was 47,695,125.

TABLE 4.

Showing number of families, etc., supplied.

Number of families.....	1,083
“ horses	271
“ cows	60
“ steam boilers	41
“ hand hose.....	245
“ water closets.....	61
“ bath tubs.....	43
“ faucets	1,320

Besides the above there are seventeen meters which supply a number of blocks, greenhouses, etc., where there are fixtures that are not in the above list.

The number of persons supplied is 4,863. Average number of gallons to each person, for the past year, has been 50.

TABLE 5.

Showing cost of works to January 1, 1883.....	\$198,731 36
Interest on \$171,000 bonds.....	\$10,950 00
Interest on \$27,731.36 at 4 per cent.....	1,109 25
Running expenses and repairs for the year 1882.....	4,181 69
Expenses for the year.....	\$16,240 94

The cost of one million gallons, in reservoir, for the past year, was \$180.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MORSE, *Superintendent.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NATICK.

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Report of the School Committee.

The School Committee present the following report of the School Department for the year 1882-3.

The primary schools have been kept for thirty-five weeks, the grammar and sub-grammar for thirty-six weeks, and the High School, at the close of the present term, will have been in session during forty weeks for the year.

It would be desirable to give in detail statistics of attendance and other matters, in our annual report; but as several of the schools are still in session, it is of course impossible to do this with any such fullness as would present a fair view of the subject.

This results from the action of the town some years ago, requiring the school report to be published with the town report. This compels the school committee to give a report of the year's work some time before the year is ended, the necessary consequence of which is that our report has a somewhat unfinished appearance. This, however, is inevitable so long as the present method of publishing is continued. To continue the summer term later than the twentieth of June, is not good economy; and to begin the fall term earlier than the first Monday in September, is not practicable. To get the requisite number of weeks for the fall and winter terms, with such vacations as experience has shown the best interests of the pupils demand, added, brings the close of the winter term close to the first of March, for the lower grades, and carries the higher grades considerably beyond this date—the date at which our report must be made under the present rule.

This, however, is not of the first importance. The general condition of the schools, what they are accomplishing, what progress the pupils are making in the work of obtaining an education, what improvements we have made, if any, what we contemplate—these are the points on which information is desired. These we proceed to mention, or such of them as we deem the most useful and interesting.

ATTENDANCE.

This has been interfered with to an unprecedented degree, by sickness of both pupils and teachers. Diphtheria has been the chief cause from which the pupils have suffered. During the fall term this complaint was very prevalent, and in a malignant form. We have been saddened by the loss of many bright young faces from our school ranks, by the ravages of this fatal disease; and our hearts have been filled with sympathy for those parents who have been called to mourn the untimely loss of their loved ones, and whose affliction has been much keener than ours.

It seems to be an unsettled question among the medical fraternity whether diphtheria is a contagious disease. Unless it is, we have been unable to see that pupils attending school were more liable to the disease than those remaining at home. Nor have we been able to see that the latter have been more than the former exempt from its attacks. We have sought advice and suggestions from our intelligent board of health, and have followed them when given. We have used every precaution to keep the school-houses and their surroundings in as high a sanitary condition as possible. We have also taken the utmost pains to ascertain the earliest appearance of this affection in any of the pupils, and in all cases have excluded such pupils from school until they could present a certificate from their attending physician that they could be readmitted with safety. But whether the disease is contagious or not, the alarm of parents and their natural dread of subjecting their children to any possible risk there might be—which many, probably most, think to be great, arising from attending school—has operated to keep many at home a large part of the time. This feeling of the parents we have fully appreciated, and have not insisted or urged even, that the pupils should be in school until the parents were satisfied that danger was past, and willing to have them return. We have been convinced, however, that the absences have been much more numerous and long-continued than the demands of safety required. The effect of this trouble has been to greatly impede the advancement of the classes, especially in the primary schools, in some of which during much of the time since the beginning of the fall term, the average attendance has been less than half what the rolls would indicate. This has been an insurmountable obstacle in the work of the teachers, and has had a most disheartening effect upon them; for of all things, absence is the worst enemy of the teacher, and the one most dreaded. Besides diphtheria, there have also been numerous cases of severe colds, sore throat, and kindred disorders, which though not so serious, have still been the cause of much absence, and have in many cases been very severe, if not dangerous. A leading cause of this, we are convinced, is the bad

ventilation of many of the school rooms. This subject of ventilation is justly attracting more and more attention as the people generally are becoming better informed about it, and especially in regard to schools, as we have observed in reading the school reports of other towns, in which it is a subject of frequent mention. The necessity of pure air to the normal and healthy action of the vital functions, and to all vigorous use of the mental powers, is so apparent to any one in the least acquainted with the common truths of physiology, that argument in its favor need not be used. Those who know the condition of the atmosphere in which many teachers and pupils pass several hours of each day, particularly during cold weather, have no occasion to wonder that the former become irritable and worn out by their labor, and that the latter are listless, languid and lacking in interest in, and attention to, their lessons; and it goes without saying, that the pupil whose interest in his work is not awakened and his attention to it secured, attends school to very little purpose.

But why not open the windows? Fresh air can thus be easily had in abundance. This would naturally be the first remark of any one who had not considered the matter. But the reply is, in that direction lies a danger of a different kind, not less great and more immediate. If the windows are kept closed, those within are slowly poisoned by breathing over and over the air rendered foul by the impurities thrown off from their lungs in their own breath, and by the unhealthy exhalations of their own bodies, which are continually passing off into the air in the form of insensible perspiration. If the windows are opened the lurking demons of throat disease, coughs, colds, pneumonia, catarrh and consumption rush in and fasten their deadly hold upon their helpless victims. It is the choice between Scylla and Charybdis. But the hazard must be run, air must be had or suffocation would ensue; there is no help for it, the windows must be opened, and then exercise what care they may, the teachers cannot avoid exposing the pupils and themselves to cold drafts more or less; and just here lies the cause of much illness and absence, alluded to above. And there can be no doubt that many good constitutions have been undermined, and the seeds of future weakness and suffering scattered in this way. We would refer those desirous of further information on this topic to an able and interesting article on School-room Ventilation, by P. J. Higgins, M. D., in the Popular Science Monthly for August, 1881.

But can this difficulty be remedied? And if so, how? We believe it can be very largely, if not wholly. We have given the matter much careful thought and discussion. We have read what we could find on the subject, consulted experts, and examined various devices. Some of the latter are so expensive as to preclude all consideration of their

adoption, others only partly meet the requirements of the case, and none of them seem to assure success.

To secure thorough ventilation in a room not originally planned to provide for it, is no easy matter. We believe, however, we have a plan by which this greatly desired result can be obtained. We believe that a modification of the plan adopted in building the new schoolhouse on South Main street, which has proved highly satisfactory in use, can be applied at moderate cost, and with strong promise of success. The plan in question will be more fully spoken of in that part of our report relating to the new schoolhouse. We have given this subject considerable prominence as will be seen, but not greater than its importance demands. It has in various ways, during the year, been forced upon our attention more strongly than ever before; and we intend to keep at the problem until it is solved. We feel that if we can obtain a reasonably complete solution of it, we shall thereby do as much to benefit the schools, to guard the health of pupils and teachers and to secure their comfort, as in any one thing we could do.

We have introduced some new features into the school work with a view to make it more practical—that is, to make it bear more directly on the future business needs of the pupils. At the beginning of the year we introduced mental arithmetic into all the schools above the primaries, except the High School. In this, the pupils are exercised daily in solving, mentally, problems adapted to their age, such as would be likely to arise in the ordinary affairs of life. This step met the warm approval of the teachers—the study is enjoyed by the pupils, and is highly beneficial in cultivating the habit of ready and accurate thinking. It has not yet been long enough in operation to produce any marked general results; still we have been struck by the facility in dealing with questions involving the relations of numbers, displayed by many of the young pupils. It seemed strange to some of the parents that *two* arithmetics should be required.

But the methods of mental and written arithmetic are quite different. Neither can take the place of the other, and both are needed. We can confidently assure the parents that the money paid for the book was well invested. We hope and expect that this move will do much towards removing the well-founded complaint that our schools do not give the pupils as good training in arithmetic as they ought. We have said that this complaint is well-founded; on the other hand some carry it to an extravagant degree. No school can make the average pupil of fourteen—the average age at which most of our boys and girls leave the grammar schools—finished arithmeticians. They may become very expert in the fundamental processes, and many of them do; but the ability to grasp and clearly comprehend the principles underlying the

more complicated operations, is rarely developed at that age. We sometimes hear of the marvellous achievements in the old district schools; and it is not to be denied that occasionally great skill in dealing with arithmetical questions was developed in those schools. But the average was low. And again: in the days referred to, it was common for young men and women to attend school till they were twenty years old and even older. It was nothing unusual for a young man coming from college to teach those schools to find many of his scholars older than himself. From eighteen to twenty the reasoning faculty rapidly develops, and three or six months at that mature age is worth, for mathematical studies, more than double that amount of time at thirteen or fourteen. Some of our people seem to be astonished that a boy or girl of fifteen, when they are both mentally and physically in the gristle state of development, so to speak, nervous under the responsibility of being called upon to perform an actual problem, on the correct solution of which much may be depending, should not be as cool, as self-poised and sure, as a man who has been dealing with such problems for a score of years. But this is wholly unseasonable. The pupils fresh from school, called to confront the realities of business life, must be allowed time to become steadied by experience and to gain confidence in themselves. Still, we believe our schools can be made to accomplish more in arithmetic than they do, and we are earnestly seeking that object.

In the matter of spelling, too, we have taken a step in advance, induced thereto by the low state of this branch as shown by the examination papers of the candidates for admission to the High School. With the introduction of Munroe's Readers, some years ago, the use of a regular spelling book began gradually to decline, as those readers aimed to combine spelling with reading. But the result of this course was not such as to recommend its continuance. Here again our best and most experienced teachers were unanimously in favor of a regular book. We adopted Harrington's Speller, which by its general arrangement and its method of giving lists of words and then using them in sentences to be written, seems to fulfill the requisites of an admirable text-book for teaching spelling. The lists of words are grouped on what may be called the topical plan, thus aiding the memory—for spelling in our language is entirely a matter of memory—by the law of association. We think it is working well. It is attractive, and makes the study interesting. The teachers speak of it with strong approval; but still the test of any book is in the results produced, and of these it is yet too soon to speak with certainty.

During the summer vacation, we arranged a course of study substantially in accordance with a scheme prepared by the masters of our grammar schools, whom we had requested to give us their suggestions. It went into operation at the beginning of the fall term, but on trial it has

been found too extensive.

Although it calls for less from the pupils than the one it displaced, still we think it gives them too much to do—more than they can do well. Then we looked the field over to see where reduction could best be made, and after full deliberation we have decided that it can be most wisely made in the study of geography. Geography is a branch of knowledge instructive, entertaining and liberalizing in its effects on the mind, but it has less bearing on the affairs of every-day life than any of the so-called common school studies; and we keep constantly in mind that it is the every-day needs that must first be provided for. We by no means underrate its value, nor ignore its claims to a fairly prominent place in a course of common school study; but it has, in our opinion, in recent years gradually usurped a position that its relative value does not warrant its occupying.

Not more than half the time given to arithmetic, should be given to geography. All study of this branch should be based on map-drawing, moulding, and study of the globe. This plan of proceeding again brings in the aid of association. The broad general features alone of the subject should be aimed at. Minutiæ should be omitted, save in some cases where localities, otherwise insignificant, have been rendered noted by celebrated historical events. The work done by our teachers in this study, has been of a high order of excellence. The only trouble as there is too much of it—which is not their fault. To load the mind with an infinite mass of minute details, serves no useful purpose; they cannot be retained, and if they could would be of small value. But they rapidly fall out of the memory, and take with them the more important parts of the subject. If less were learned, more would be retained. We have reduced the amount considerably already, to relieve the classes, which we found were being overworked, and with the beginning of the next year we intend to reduce it a good deal more. We think that from one-third to one-half of the amount now required may be wisely omitted. This will give more time for arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling.

There has been some complaint from parents that the pupils have been required to do too much work out of school, and we think with reason. We do not intend to have more than one home lesson given. On the other hand, we do not think the pupils leaving school at so early an age as many of them do, can afford to spend their evenings without any study. A reasonable part of the evening, one hour at least, may be so used with profit.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

There were forty-seven applicants for admission to this school at the examination in June, all of whom passed. The examination was, as

nearly as we could make it, equal in difficulty to the one of the preceding year, which about one-fifth of the applicants failed to pass. This shows a decided and gratifying improvement in the work in the lower schools. The class admitted has continued the study of arithmetic twenty-four weeks. Having completed their work, they are now about to take book-keeping instead, which will be continued through the year.

We have begun to form a four years' course of study for this school. In doing this, we are proceeding by experiment to ascertain at what time the various studies can be taken up at the best advantage. There has been a disposition in the past to mark out elaborate courses of study and then attempt to fit the pupils to them. We now propose to reverse this Procrustean method, and fit the course of study to the pupils.

Besides arithmetic, the class have taken physiology. This certainly deserves to be considered as a practical study, dealing as it does entirely with matters that relate to our physical well-being. These two studies have been required of the entire class. Those who wished, took Latin for a third study; and those who did not take Latin, have taken a regular course in English literature. In this latter branch, it is our aim to give the pupils a fair acquaintance with as many of the best writers in our language as the time will permit.

We feel as well satisfied with establishment of this branch through the school, as in anything about it. It is not easy to think of any better thing to do for the young, than to introduce them to the best minds of the Anglo-Saxon race, to cultivate in them a taste for the best books, to teach them how to read understandingly and the habit of thinking while they read. The best thoughts of the best minds endure in the form of standard literature. To lead the pupils into this field, and make them even partially acquainted with its priceless treasures, is to reveal to them an exhaustless source of wisdom, power and beauty. A love for good reading is the only sure antidote for a class of reading which too many spend their time on, and which is worse than worthless, consuming time and yielding no return. The work in literature is being well done. As before stated, book-keeping will be a regular study for the whole class the balance of the year. These branches, with usual literary exercises, will constitute the work. What the second year will be, will depend upon the condition we find the class in at the close of the year. The introduction of these studies by enlarging the course, necessitated the employment of another assistant in addition to the two there before. This makes four teachers for the school, and the work affords them all full occupation.

At the close of the summer term 23 pupils were graduated from the school. The graduation exercises were held in Concert Hall, June 29th. They were of a high order, and reflected great credit on the school. The following pupils received diplomas:

George E. Beers,
 Clarence E. Cozzens,
 Herbert H. Crosby,
 M. Lizzie Dealy,
 Hattie E. Downs,
 Lillian E. Fairbank,
 Wilson L. Fairbanks,
 Janet W. Fay,
 Mary F. Gilson,
 Nelly E. Hardy,
 Charles R. Hosmer,
 Arthur H. Wilde,

Annie Lillis,
 John W. Lillis,
 Andrew F. Moran,
 Annie L. Norton,
 Macie Sawin,
 Etta F. Shattuck,
 Wilbur E. Soule,
 Adeline V. Stevens,
 Mabel Sweetland,
 Nelly F. Tilton,
 Effie L. Washburn.

NAMES AND LOCATION OF PRESENT TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL: E. D. Russell, principal; L. O. Davidson, Mary C. Eno, Nelly S. Wilson, assistants.

CENTRE BUILDING: Fred S. Cutter, master; Nelly F. Dewing, master's assistant.

Sub-Grammar: Laura S. Fay.

Mattie H. Chapin.

First Intermediate: Emma F. Chater.

Second " Alice Crane.

Third " Clara B. Hayes.

Fourth " Marietta Rice.

First Primary: Minnie L. Boardman.

Second " Lizzie J. Burks.

Third " Fanny Perkins.

Fourth " Stella True.

POND STREET.

First Intermediate: Anna Bellows.

Second " Vacant.

First Primary: Lizzie Clough.

Second " Lottie Sherer.

SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Primary: Mary Lillis.

SOUTHVILLE:—Laura R. Hardy.

WEST PART:—Mabel Rogers.

COCHITUATE STREET.

Intermediate: Mary C. Wellington.

Primary: Mary Wallace.

WALNUT HILL.

Intermediate: Sarah H. Goldthwaite.

Primary: Janet Clink.

FELCHVILLE.

First Intermediate: E. W. Hathaway.

Second " Sarah G. Felch.

Primary: Hattie Lund.

NORTH SCHOOL:—Clara Farwell.

SOUTH NATICK.

Herbert L. Morse, master.

Rebecca Mayo, master's assistant.

First Intermediate: Helen J. Reardon.

Second " Jennie L. Daniels.

Third " Fanny E. Carr.

First Primary: Ella A. Bailey.

Second " Sarah H. Griffin.

Third " Emma Colburn.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

The need of more room to properly accommodate the pupils in the central part of the town having long been urgently felt, the matter was brought before the town at the last annual meeting, at which three thousand dollars were voted to erect a new school house, and the school committee were directed to select a lot and erect a suitable building thereon. In pursuance of this instruction we bargained for the lot of land on South Main street, known as the Washburn lot, being determined in our choice by its advantageous location and its admirable fitness for a school ground. The lot contains a little more than two acres of land. It is high and dry, and in all respects a healthful and pleasant location. It is of ample size to furnish the children room for exercise and play without their being driven into the street. The price agreed upon was thirteen hundred dollars. Mr. George E. Archer was employed to furnish plans and specifications for the building, and to superintend the work of its erection. For this work he was paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

We determined, after much deliberation, to erect a building that should contain room for four schools, although not so much was needed for immediate use, our own judgment coinciding with the general opinion that it would all be required within a few years. It seemed wise to provide for the future, since it could be easily done and at little additional cost. The contract for erecting the building was awarded to

George Brierly, his bid for the same being the lowest of any offered. He fulfilled his contract to our entire satisfaction and approval, and so expeditiously that although he did not begin work until June 15th, the building was ready for occupancy on the 11th of September, and school was opened in it on that day. Before we had proceeded far with our work, we saw the sum appropriated would come far short of meeting the necessary expense. We resolved, however, to go ahead as long as the money lasted, and when it was gone to call a town meeting and ask for more. Accordingly a town meeting was called on the 15th of August, the case laid before the meeting, and an additional sum of \$1117 asked for to go on and complete the building. This was granted without objection. A bond for the land had been taken. As this was on interest, it was moved by Mr. R. E. Farwell that so long as the town had sufficient funds on hand to do it, the land be paid for and a deed for the same be taken by the town. This was also voted, and a deed to the town was soon after executed and delivered to the town treasurer. The rooms are planned to seat fifty-six pupils each, as many as ought ever to be under the charge of a single teacher. It is not necessary to go into detail in describing the building. We aimed to have it substantial and convenient. No money was spent for show. The rooms are extremely pleasant, being high, airy and well lighted.

There is one feature of it, however, which we mention with much satisfaction; and that is its ventilation. In this, it is a decided success. This is secured by the peculiar construction of the chimneys. These are so built as to give three flues in each—a central one for smoke and fire draft and on each side of this one for ventilation. Of the latter, one is designed to ventilate the room on the lower floor, and the other the room above. Two registers open into this flue in each room, one near the floor, the other near the ceiling. When a fire is made, the central or smoke flue soon becomes warm, and in turn warms the ventilating flue, thus creating an upward current of air. The register near the floor being opened, a steady current of air from near the floor of the school room flows steadily through the register. The heated air from the vicinity of the stove rises to the top of the room, spreads through the room, and instead of escaping at the top through an open window, or any other aperture, is drawn downward by the current into the register. Thus the benefit of the heat is obtained, and the air, by this constant circulation, is kept pure and sweet. This is a simple plan, but it is scientific and based on the well-known laws of pneumatics. In case the room becomes too warm, the upper register is opened, and the temperature is speedily lowered without danger to the pupils. This plan, we believe, can be introduced into our other school rooms with advantage, even though it cannot be made to work so perfectly as trial has shown it to do here.

The following statement shows in detail the cost of the house and land:

Cost of land,	\$1,300 00
Interest on same,	27 78
Brown & Beal, foundation,	236 42
Union Lumber Co., frame,	558 83
W. W. Wight, surveying,	15 04
Geo. E. Archer, architect,	125 00
George Brierly, contract for building,	3,237 00
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	\$5,500 07.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

APPROPRIATIONS.

At the annual town meeting, for support of schools,	\$20,000 00	
For repairs and supplies,	1,000 00	
“ new school-house,	3,000 00	
“ school committee,	450 00	
At the town meeting in August, for completion of new school-house,	1,175 00	
For land for same,	1,327 78	
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	\$26,952 78	
Cash received from State fund,	261 00	
Cash from tuition of Wellesley pupils,	224 00	\$27,437 78

EXPENDITURES.

For teachers' salaries,	\$16,907 07	
“ repairs and supplies,	1,107 61	
“ fuel,	1,019 77	
“ janitors,	1,587 95	
“ truant officers,	63 93	
“ school committee,	450 00	
“ new school-house and land,	5,500 07	\$26,636 40
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		\$801 38

There will be some further bills to be paid which are not yet due; but this balance will be sufficient for that purpose.

G. D. TOWER,
P. H. COONEY,
M. C. REYNOLDS,
School Committee.

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